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I love food. I have an instinctive distrust of anyone who doesn't enjoy it as much as me. If you don't enjoy food, how can you enjoy life? So it was a joy to commission The Resident's special food issue, I just wish we had a bigger magazine to include all the interesting people and places we have come across.

One of the best things about working on The Resident is that there can be no better hunting ground for dedicated foodies than the streets of west London. This area, perhaps more than anywhere else in the country, boasts a richness of shops, restaurants and interesting producers. Whether it's custard tarts at a Portuguese coffee shop on Golborne Road or caviar in Belgravia, a Moroccan restaurant in Notting Hill or a fish restaurant in Fulham, this area is foodie heaven.

London's restaurant scene has seen an explosion since the early Nineties; we are now, quite rightly, recognised as one of the dining capitals of the world. One man who has played a part in this revolution is **Oliver Peyton**. His Atlantic Bar and Grill was groundbreaking and he has gone on to create successful restaurant after restaurant. Beatrix Clark meets him on page 24 to find out about his latest ventures.

One of our most revered restaurants (and quite rightfully so) is Bibendum. Another trend-setter, **Bibendum** has maintained its position at the top of the food chain for an astonishing 21 years. Its success is quality, quality, quality. I met head chef **Matthew Harris** to find out his secrets and he reveals his favourite dish exclusively for The Resident on page 23.

Apart from being an unrepentant foodie, I'm also a very committed chocoholic. I set out to investigate our increasing interest in fine chocolate and got to sample some amazing dark stuff along the way. It is a tough job, but someone has to do it. Read about my **choccie heaven** on page 32.

In these time-starved days, cooking a decent meal after work is something of a mountain few of us can face climbing. A crafty new company, **The Kitchen**, in Parsons Green has the answer: fast food, Michelin-style. Lydia Williams tries it out on page 37.

**Valentine Warner** is the new 'Jamie' currently gracing our TV screens with his fab series What To Eat Now. Warner's recipes are all about getting the best out of our bountiful autumn harvest; read his recipes on page 38.

I hope you enjoy this scrumptious issue,

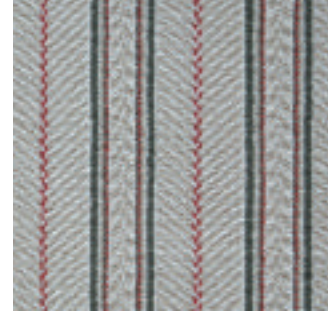
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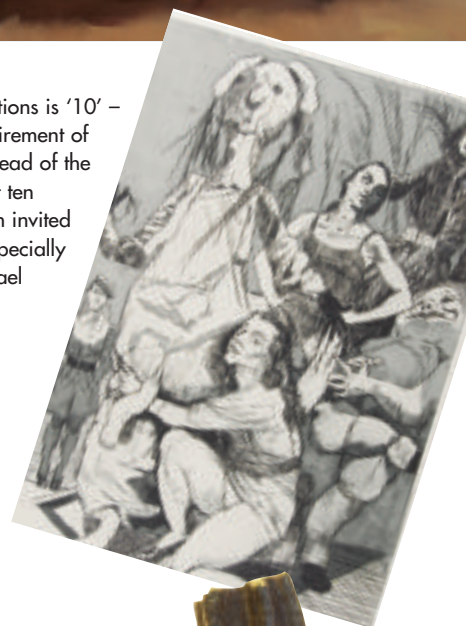
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17 - 26 OCTOBER

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by Lydia Williams

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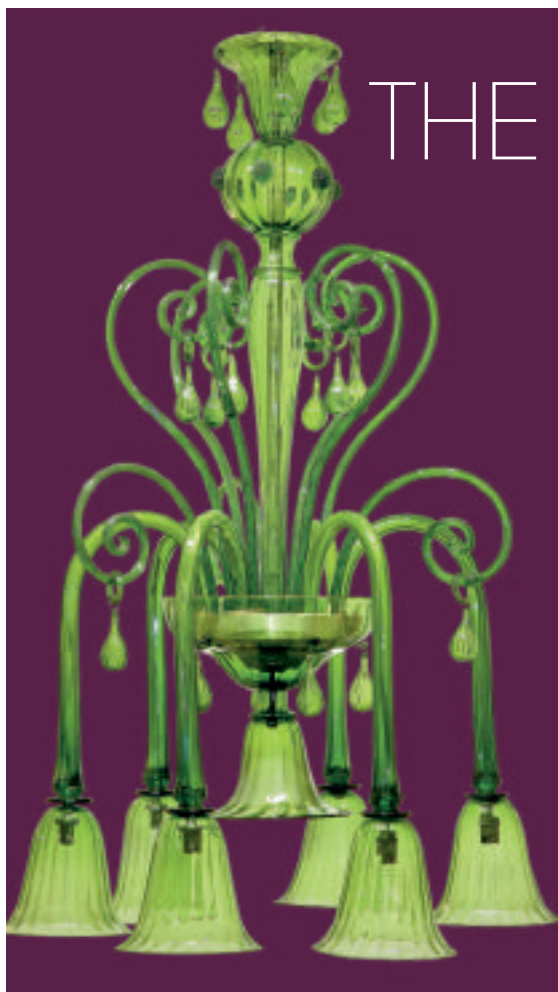


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# Chelsea girl

## ... on bumping into cheating husbands

“Is it just too-too divine being married?” I popped my head above the Baby Einstein toys in Peter Jones’ children’s department, which has happily or unhappily – your pick – replaced Space NK and the shoe department of Harvey Nichols as my default place to while away the odd ten minutes. No, I hadn’t misheard. The questioner, mobile to ear, had repeated her inquiry. I reeled off towards the escalator and down to the comparative sanity of the Chanel counter, still shocked. She sounded sincere, I mused, dabbing apricot lipgloss on my hand experimentally. Could anyone be so naïve – and in the language of Nancy Mitford, too?

I thought of her idealism a few days later as I sat in an Italian restaurant, a menu drawn up to my face like a yashmak. Across the almost-deserted room sat the husband of an acquaintance being exceptionally friendly with a woman who may have been many things, but wasn’t his wife. I didn’t know quite why I was the one hiding embarrassed, maybe just to dodge the moment when I caught his eye and had to produce the appropriate greeting for a man whom you scarcely know, betraying his wife whom you scarcely know. The reason I was there was that Small Son’s table manners are

## I left with a frosty nod and a “Do give your wife my love”, to the husband

few and those from the school of Henry VIII – pick up food in your fingers, toss the bones over your shoulder and belch loudly. I therefore think it prudent to lunch for a while in quieter hostelrys where few are in the line of fire of a well-aimed chicken bone. Unfortunately so do the adulterers of Chelsea. I left with a frosty nod and a “Do give your wife my love”, to the husband. Small Son regurgitated a mouthful of monkfish in his direction and I didn’t protest. Two days later we lunched in another Italian restaurant whose greater popularity I assumed offered us a guarantee against illicit couples. I was wrong. This time I knew the wife rather better and my greeting was correspondingly frostier to her errant husband, although Small Son, despite bribes of a fire engine for a successful hit, refused to regurgitate anything in his direction. “What can I do?” I wailed to my husband. “They’re everywhere! I can’t go out for a bowl of pasta in my own neighbourhood without tripping over some philanderer’s breadsticks.” “Order takeout,” he said, unperturbed.

“I know. I bumped into someone I know’s husband at Nobu! These people have no shame. It’s the credit crunch,” said Serious City Wife, providing a more sympathetic ear. It’s true that the women I had seen were not in the Russian adventuress mode, plainer and cosier instead, the human equivalent of a piece of chocolate cake with whom you might seek comfort while your investments plummeted. “Yeah they figure now they’ve nothing to lose. They know their wives won’t divorce them while their assets are low. And if they do, well maybe they have to pay £10m to their wife but they think that’s not so bad, it could have been double that before the markets fell. It’s...” words failed her, “too-too divine,” I said absentmindedly, reaching for the takeaway menu from Riccardo’s.



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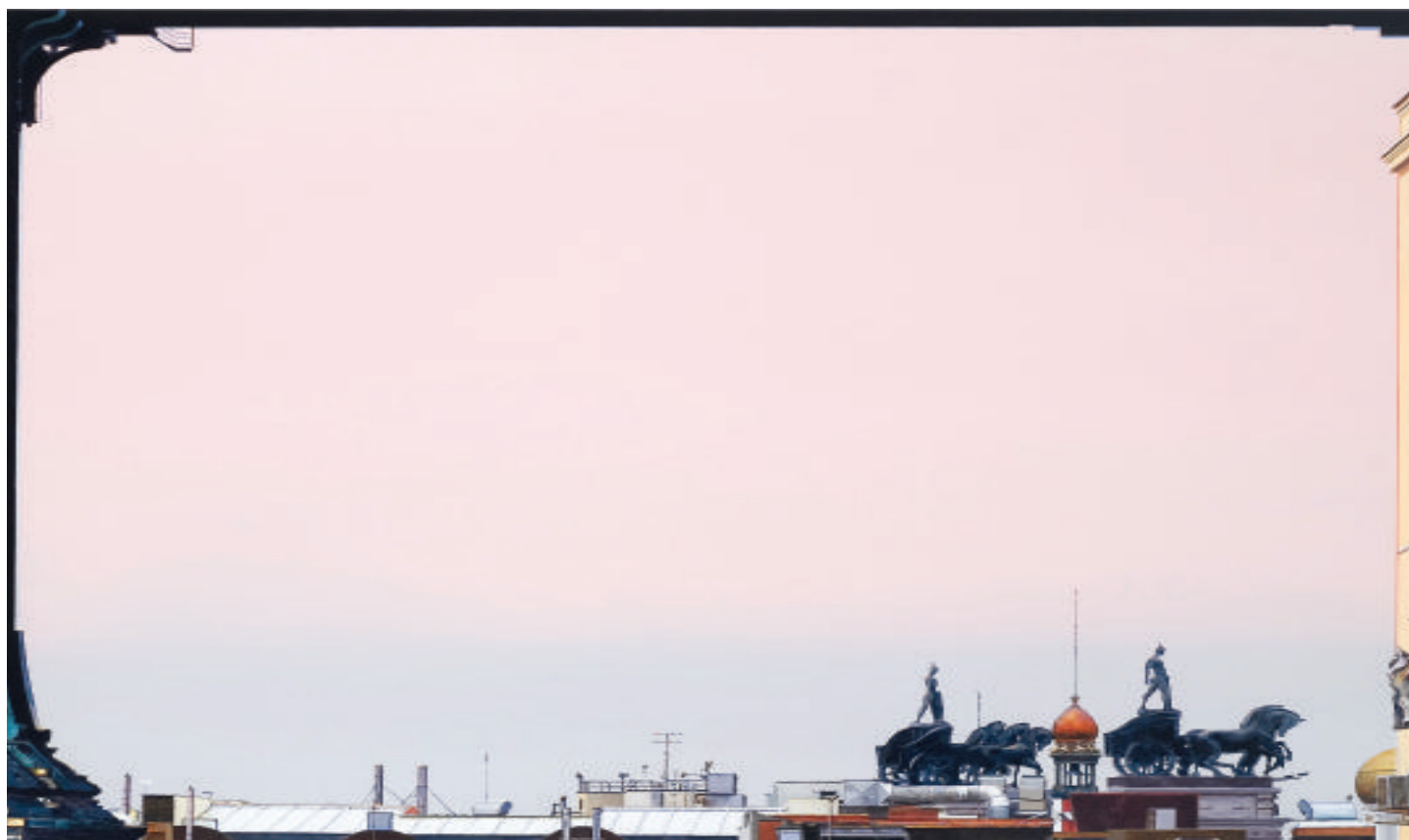
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### Proposing dinner

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### Know when to arrive (and when to leave)

If you are invited for 8pm, arrive around 8.15. Arriving at 8.30 is fine but any later is too late and you'll need a really good excuse. Don't arrive on the dot of 8pm, and definitely do not be early. (I always find that this is worse than people who arrive late but maybe that's just because I'm disorganised.) If you are early, go for a walk around the block. There is nothing more irritating than arriving early when the sitting room still looks like a Thomas the Tank Engine showroom. I like Thomas Blaikie's advice on timings. He advocates starting dinner no later than 9pm.

The time to leave a dinner party largely depends on your host's lifestyle as well as the day of the week. If they have small children or get up early I would suggest leaving no later than 11pm. Remember, they have to clear up before they get to bed. If it is a weekend, it depends of the type of 'party' it is. Be sensitive to yawning hosts. If they are stifling a yawn at 10.15pm, take the hint. I know it is early, but don't overstay your welcome.

### Be a good dinner guest

At a certain household in North Gloucestershire, two butlers named Hale and Hearty were waiting on the head of protocol from a mid-century American administration. This guest was dressed in plus fours, looking more English than the English. Hale and Hearty, who were disposed to drinking too much wine, managed to empty the entire contents of the soup terrine down the American's neck whereupon he carried on talking about constitutional law as if nothing had happened. Those were the days.

Turn off your mobile before you arrive. Unless it is a matter of life and death, you cannot answer your mobile in the middle of dinner.

### Take the hostess a present

Never arrive empty handed. If not a bottle of wine, a box of chocolates or some flowers. If you did happen to leave the bottle in the taxi, try to find another off licence nearby. And don't bring anyone else with you – unless they have been invited.

### Modify your conversation

We always seem to get into debates about the Middle East and George Bush. Not the most light-hearted of topics. I think I have learnt my lesson that these are areas to steer well clear of in terms of dinner party chit-chat. Although I might find it interesting, invariably someone ends up losing their sense of humour and then it is just a bore.

### Children

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This season's foodie news to whet your appetite. By **Lydia Williams**

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# Chef's special

Matthew Harris has been cooking at Bibendum since it opened in 1987. He tells **Amanda Constance** why he still loves his job and reveals his favourite dish of grilled calves' kidneys exclusively to The Resident

**B**ibendum's 21st birthday celebrations next month will be particularly special for head chef Matthew Harris as he has worked at the renowned restaurant since it opened in 1987. 21 years is a long time to stay in one job but Harris says he still enjoys it. 'The job has grown over the years,' he says. 'I still love coming to work and cooking in the kitchen everyday.' Whilst dining and food fashions have changed considerably in the past few decades, Harris says Bibendum still delivers a similar menu to when it started, 'great, French-influenced food with a modern edge'. Similar menus are more commonplace now but when Terence Conran and Simon Hopkinson opened Bibendum, its combination of French-inspired food in the wonderful surroundings of the Michelin building was groundbreaking.

Harris worked with the legendary Simon Hopkinson at Hilaire on the Old Brompton Road before joining him as chef de partie at Bibendum, then as head chef in 1995. Then, as now, Harris says the food was about 'quality, simplicity and consistency'. If there are any changes, Harris says the food might have become 'more intricate' and the 'availability and variety of ingredients has improved', with one big exception, that 'it is harder and harder to get good fish'.

The Oyster Bar downstairs at Bibendum has always been about seafood, but the more formal upstairs restaurant has always had a seasonal menu. Harris points out that this may be the norm now but it 'was much more unusual' back in the Eighties. Harris is very keen on using local ingredients although quality must always come first. But, he says, if he does have a choice he will always "buy British".

To mark the restaurant's birthday, Conran, Hopkinson and Harris have written *The Bibendum Cookbook*; a collection of the recipes that have made Bibendum an iconic restaurant. But Harris's all-time favourite dish of grilled kidneys with béarnaise sauce is not in the book. It is, he says "the perfect marriage, the sharp richness of the béarnaise contrasting with the kidneys". Here is his recipe, revealed exclusively to The Resident.

## GRILLED CALVES KIDNEYS WITH BÉARNAISE SAUCE

Serves 2

165g butter  
2 egg yolks  
1 tbsp finely chopped shallot  
3 tbsp tarragon vinegar  
2 tbsp chopped fresh tomatoes  
Water – 3 tbsps  
Squeeze of lemon juice  
Salt and pepper  
1 whole calf's kidney with fat removed

This is one of simplest but most delicious ways of eating kidneys. It is important that you grill them either on a barbeque or a ribbed grill pan. The charred flavour on the kidneys is really great.

### To make the béarnaise

Melt the butter in a small pan and when warm and liquid remove the milky froth that comes to the top with a small spoon. In another small pan put the shallot, vinegar and water on a high heat and bring to the boil. Allow this to reduce to the quantity of one tablespoon.

The easiest way for the novice cook to make béarnaise is over a double boiler. That is to say a saucepan of boiling water with a metal bowl on it. Make sure the bowl is big enough so as not to fall in completely. Once the double boiler is ready, scrape out your vinegar and shallot reduction into the bowl and add the egg yolks. Whisk vigorously for at least five minutes without stopping until the yolks are pale and have a mousse like consistency. Remove the double boiler from the heat and whisk in the melted butter in a steady thin stream (like making mayonnaise). When all the butter is in, season the béarnaise with lemon juice, salt and pepper and finish with chopped tarragon. Keep warm whilst you cook the kidneys.

### To cook the kidney

Slice the kidney into six good sized slices and season with salt and pepper and rub over a little oil. Make sure the grill is as hot as you can get it and cook the kidneys for two minutes on each side (this should leave them rosy pink in the middle) or more if you like them well done. Allow to rest somewhere warm for 3 or 4 minutes then serve with the béarnaise.

A good accompaniment would be chips and a crisp green salad.



Head chef, Matthew Harris





A close-up portrait of Oliver Peyton, a man with short, dark brown hair, looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. He is wearing a dark blue jacket over a light blue t-shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

# Peyton's Progress

From the heady days of the Atlantic to the Lawn at Fulham Palace, foodie Oliver Peyton has always confounded his critics. He tells **Beatrix Clark** why he likes to do things differently



**T**he former Bishops' Manor, Fulham Palace, with its stately rooms and tranquil gardens, seems an inspired if unusual location for a restaurant, but Oliver Peyton, the forty-something Irishman who opened The Lawn here last June, has never lacked inspiration. Clad in jeans and a Comme Des Garçons jacket, he greets me in the dining room – once a Bishops' drawing room – and talks passionately and realistically about his latest venture.

"This is a beautiful place – when I saw it I couldn't resist it. It'll take about a year to get it right – it always does. In Italy they don't review a restaurant until it's a year old but here people expect it to be perfect from the word go."

The Lawn certainly has the ingredients to succeed – a delightful terrace and barbeque overlooking the listed grounds for alfresco dining, the cosy dining room complete with fireplace and comfy sofas for cooler months, a menu featuring seasonal British produce and, judging by the table next to me, a delicious looking afternoon tea. Most significantly, it has at its helm the man who's spent the past two decades stamping his mark on London's restaurant and party scene with a string of establishments known as much for their happening vibe as their culinary credentials.

It all started for Peyton on a farm in County Mayo, where he recalls his father slaughtering pigs, his mother killing geese for Christmas and where family meals were pivotal to everyday life. After moving to England in the early Eighties he opened two nightclubs, Can in Brighton followed by Raw in Tottenham Court Road, then hit on the idea of designer alcohol. Sapporo Beer and Absolut Vodka, which he brought to the UK, were an instant hit – if it wasn't for Peyton we might all still be drinking one type of Smirnoff – but it wasn't long before the restaurant business beckoned. "I didn't want to spend the rest of my life selling booze – I wanted to do something different. So many restaurants were stuffy and elitist, with rules about how you should dress. I remember having lunch at a famous restaurant (he won't say which one), and a friend wanted to order ice cream to start and they refused. I thought that was wrong."

Doing something different has been a defining feature of Peyton's career and his first London restaurant, the huge, art deco, Atlantic Bar and Grill, was more New York than Piccadilly Circus. Those fortunate enough to get through the door could eat, drink and party until the early hours in an atmosphere that was cool but not snobby, capturing a generation of people who had money, were fed up with nightclubs and didn't want to pay for the privilege of being out after 11pm.

"It was one of only two places in London with a license until 3am. We had trouble keeping that license – once they knew about it everybody

wanted one, and why shouldn't they?"

Peyton's philosophy that "restaurants should be about having fun," his love of art and design as well as food and, to quote fellow foodie Matthew Fort, his "penchant for the spectacular and the idiosyncratic," have proved a winning combination. Besides the Atlantic, which remained popular throughout its fourteen years, he opened Coast, Isola, Mash and the Admiralty in Somerset House, followed, in 2004, by Inn The Park (St James' Park) – another first.

## **Oliver Peyton's penchant for the spectacular and the idiosyncratic have proved a winning combination**

"Before then alcohol wasn't available for sale in parks. I like doing things no-one's done before – replicating an idea is boring. People said I was mad opening somewhere in a park in this country and the first year wasn't great but it's doing better every year."

He admits the restaurant business is high risk and believes those who enter it thinking they'll make a quick profit are misguided. "You're better off being an arms dealer or a drugs dealer. It's a vocation – you have to like people and want to take care of them – and you should never, ever go into it as a couple."

Recently Peyton's mission has been to improve the food available in art galleries and public spaces, including: the National Gallery, the Wallace Collection, the Wellcome Trust, Heal's, the ICA and now Fulham Palace. Posh restaurants in Mayfair are all very well but tourists, he points out, are more likely to base their view of London's food on the sandwich they buy in a museum. And restaurants should be for everyone – he dislikes, intensely, walking into one where the clientele all look the same.

Clearly not a man to sit still for long, Peyton took stock of his own life six years ago and gave up drinking, a decision which stunned those who'd experienced or heard about his hedonistic tendencies. "I had a very, very good time and got caught up in the sociability of the business. There comes a point when you need to recognise you're looking at middle age, you're not 25 anymore. I wanted different things from life." And does he miss it? "Not at all. I love my wife (Charlotte Polizzi, granddaughter of Lord Forte), and kids (Finn 7, Molly 5, and baby Connor) – you can't do that stuff when you've got kids."

Peyton has also found himself in demand for television appearances, most notably as a judge, alongside Prue Leith and Matthew Fort, on "Great British Menu", which invites

contenders to cook a four-course meal representing the best of contemporary British cuisine. It's a theme dear to his heart and, though keen neither on the concept of celebrity or on watching himself on TV – "I've watched it once for two minutes," – he hopes the programme will make people more aware of the products available to them. When we meet he's just returned from filming in Italy for a series he's presenting, set in six countries, about the relationship between food and art, and there are other projects in the pipeline.

It doesn't stop there. Currently he's negotiating to open bars and restaurants in two hotels and, having identified a lack of British cake shops, has a couple of bakeries on the go with plans to open more in future. Despite his busy schedule he takes the kids to school every morning, plays football in the garden of his Acton home and enjoys regular family holidays to destinations like India, Panama, Costa Rica and Crete. In addition Peyton sees close friends such as GQ editor, Dylan Jones, as often as he can. He tells me he thrives on having five things to deal with at once, loves the fact that every day is different and feels proud to be doing what he enjoys. What, one wonders, could be left for him to aspire to?

"My ambition would be to build a beautiful, truly eco hotel. I see these eco houses going up and they're disgusting – why can't someone build a nice one?"

Given his energy, vision and ability to make things happen I wouldn't be surprised if that someone turns out to be Oliver Peyton.

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Oliver Peyton with Toby Young







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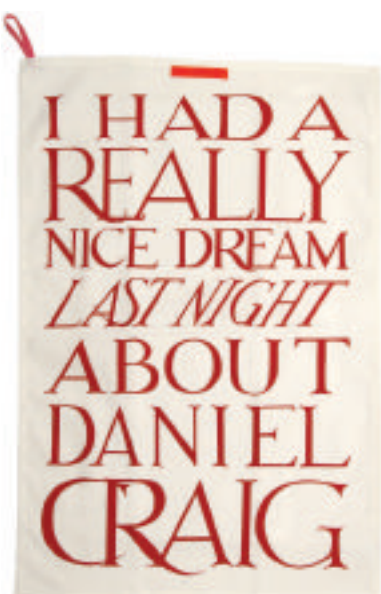
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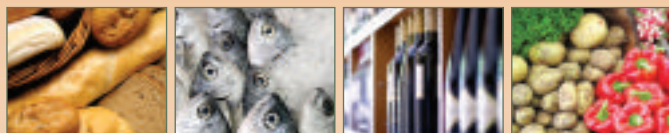


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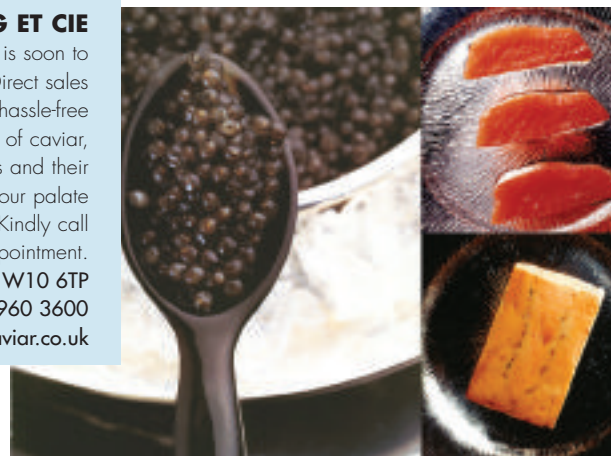
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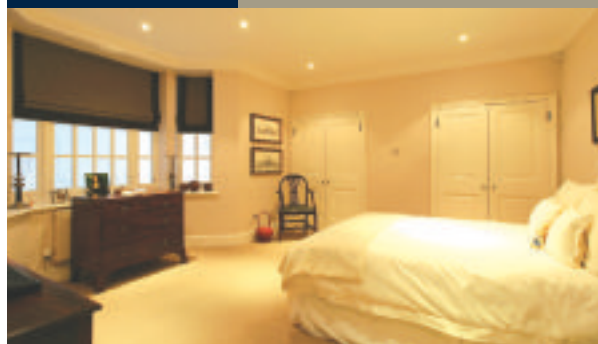


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# Welcome to the dark side

Chocololics rejoice! The humble cocoa bean has gone up in the world and fine chocolate is now the stuff of connoisseurs. Tastebuds at the ready, confirmed fanatic **Amanda Constance** sets out to investigate how chocolate's become the new wine

**D**o you know your Trinitario from your Criollo? Are you aware that Valrhona and Amadei are fine chocolate producers and not obscure Renaissance painters? Do you consider a bar of single estate 72 per cent a suitable gift at a dinner party. If so, welcome aboard. You are a chocolate connoisseur.

In case you haven't noticed, chocolate has changed. Whilst it's true that most people still regard their daily Twix or KitKat habit as chocolate, there is a growing band of brothers – mainly within the M25 – who rightly consider the aforementioned as fat and sugar-laden confectionery and are discovering that fine chocolate can be as rich, varied and complex as a good wine. A decade ago it would

have been unthinkable to discuss one's palate in relation to chocolate, or to read tasting notes on the back of a bar. Yet fine chocolatiers are now sprouting across London (thank you God) and, to confirm chocolate's position as a gourmet staple, we have the fifth

**Consumers are starting to develop more discerning palates when it comes to chocolate**

annual chocolate week taking place this month.

For much of this we must thank Green & Blacks. The organic label has done more than anyone to take fine chocolate into the mainstream consciousness. Green & Blacks united our new interest with all things foodie and chocolate. We now care far more about the provenance of food and what goes into it and are prepared to pay over the odds for a bar of superb, single estate dark chocolate.

Since Bill Keeling and his half-brother Nick Crean bought Prestat in 1998, business has grown by 30 per cent a year. Keeling says it is 'without doubt due to the growth in interest in premium chocolate'. Whilst he puts this down to our increasing interest in the provenance of food, he warns that labels such as organic, Fair Trade and single estate are meaningless if the chocolate isn't of the highest quality. It is the search for quality that is separating the wheat from the chaff in the chocolate industry. As Keeling says, 'It comes down to the need to take great care in the product process from bean to bar.'

The cocoa bean is a fruit that grows on a tree of which there are three varieties. The robust Forastero, the fragile and aromatic Criollo and the hybrid Trinitario. Cocoa trees only grow well on the equator belt and must be harvested at the right time (March to May or October to November). The beans then need to be fermented on site under the cover of plantation leaves and dried in the sun before being roasted and conched – passing beans through a machine which reduces the particle size of the cocoa for a smoother texture – all processes which affect the chocolates flavour and texture.

Cocoa beans from one region or plantation will vary in taste from beans from another – just like with grape varieties. This has led to the growth in single-estate chocolates.

As Angus Thirlwell, CEO of Hotel Chocolat says, 'Consumers are starting to develop more discerning palates and now, like a fine wine, can distinguish quality chocolate, in taste, origin and technique.' His company has seen a marked increase in the demand for single origin and single estate chocolates and have developed their Purist range of chocolate with this in mind. Hotel Chocolat's USP is that the company owns its own cocoa plantation in St Lucia, which, says Thirlwell, means they 'can ensure an incredibly high-quality end product for the consumer to indulge in'.

Along with the thirst for quality, comes an interest in the unadulterated. Cocomaya,





a fantastical chocolate boutique in Connaught Village, is typical of many of the new breed of fine chocolatier. Not only is the shop a joy to behold (its co-owner, Joel Bernstein was head of retail concept at Liberty) but it is rigorous about what is in its chocolate. Cocomaya only uses South American beans because West African beans are more mass-produced. The chocolates have only a two-week shelf life, and contain no preservatives, with only the finest organic creams going into the chocolates. As Bernstein says 'preservatives and cheap beans make you feel sick'.

L'artisan du Chocolat has an equally uncompromising attitude to the quality of the chocolates they make and sell. Like Cocomaya

its chocolates have a short shelf life with no vegetable fat, excess sugar, alcohol and preservatives. And rather than buying in couverture (the unworked chocolate), the company conches its own beans, maintaining even more control in the production process and therefore the quality of its produce.

The one thing our body of fine chocolate producers need are committed consumers willing to pay for quality and ingenuity. So go on: buy a bar of the best. It's a tough job, but someone's got to do it.

**Chocolate Week, 13-19 October 2008.** There are a wealth of tastings, events and chocolate-related activities during the week. For more information and updates visit [www.chocolate-week.co.uk](http://www.chocolate-week.co.uk)

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- Prestat's Napoleon III Single Estate Truffles – simply awesome.
- L'artisan du Chocolat Liquid Salted Caramels – their bestseller and deservedly so.
- Rococo's Valrhona Grand Cru No.2: Guanaja – words fail us on this one, they are really really good.
- Rococo's Earl Grey Organic Artisan bar – delicate and delicious.
- L'artisan du Chocolat's Mole Poblano Fusion bar – different and intoxicating.
- Cocomaya's Vanilla Tonka bean and pistachio truffle – just as good as it sounds.
- Hotel Chocolat's Rabot Estate 82% Organic dark Purist bar – the whole range is fabulous but this was a stand-out.





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# Little chef

Some half-term activities to keep your little ones busy, from children's activity book *Custard and Crayons*

## BAKED APPLES

This quintessentially autumn dish will make a yummy tea-time pud

### What to do

Being by coring the apples and then score through the skin around the circumference so when the apple is in the oven it can expand without spurting out of the top. Next put the fruits, nuts zest and spice in a bowl and stir together. Put the apples in the baking dish, then put a little of the butter in the core hole and top the hole up with the dried fruits.

Scatter the demerara over the top and drizzle with honey so they are sticky and shiny on the outside. These apples take about 25 minutes in a hot oven at about 220°C. The best way to check they are cooked is to try to lift the top half of the apple skin with a fork. The apple will be fluffy inside and a little delicious syrup will start to leak from the bottom. Serve with ice cream or custard, or a healthier option could be yoghurt or crème fraîche.



**Ingredients**  
6 apples  
30g butter  
30g demerara sugar  
30g raisins  
30g currants  
30g dried blueberries  
30g nibbled almonds  
Honey to drizzle  
Zest of 1 lemon  
1 tsp of mixed spice  
1 baking dish



**Ingredients**  
20 new or charlotte potatoes  
30g butter  
2 slices of ham  
30g grated cheddar  
1 diced onion  
1 clove of chopped garlic  
300g beef mince  
1 regular tin of chopped tomatoes  
1 chilli  
1 regular tin of red kidney beans  
Salt and pepper  
20ml vegetable or olive oil

## POTATO PICK 'N' MIX WITH CHILLI

Perfect bonfire night tummy warmers.

### What to do

Preheat the oven to 220°C. Rub the potatoes with oil and put them on a baking tray. Then pop them in the oven to bake. Meanwhile, start preparing your chosen toppings. For the chilli mix take a heavy-bottomed saucepan and add the oil. Put the garlic and onions in and let them begin to fry until they go golden. Then add the mince and stir it around with the onion until it goes golden too. Add the tomatoes and the kidney beans and let the whole pot come to the boil and then simmer for about 25 minutes. If you like your food spicy you can add the chopped chilli, but do it bit-by-bit just in case. Add some salt and pepper too. When the potatoes look golden on the outside and feel soft when you push a knife into the middle of them, they are ready. Cut a cross in the top of them and squeeze them from the bottom to get them ready for their fillings. Spoon some of the chilli mix in to ten of them and, with the others, dab a little butter in each and then add your chosen fillings.



## CHOCOLATE BISCUIT WITCHES' HAT CAKES

They will love making these no-bake, sweet Halloween treats

### What to do

Put the chocolate and butter in a basin over a pan of hot water to melt. Crush the biscuits in a big bowl and stir in the raisins. You can add other fruits as well if you like. When the chocolate and butter have melted, pour them over the biscuit crumbs. Stir this mixture all together and leave it to cool down in the fridge. When it has started to go quite hard take a handful of this gorgeous mixture and shape it into a cone between your hands. Stand them up on a tray covered in baking parchment.

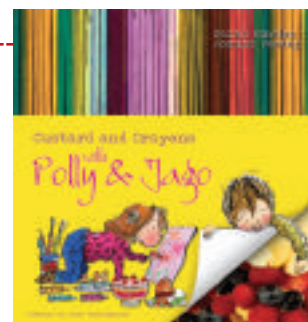
Put all of these back into the fridge to go really hard. Next add the black food colouring to your icing and mix it totally together. Roll this out and cut around a saucer to get circles of black, cut these in half and wrap each biscuit cone in the icing. Cut some slightly smaller circles and make these the brim of the witches' hats. Use jelly sweets and edible glitter to decorate.

**Ingredients**  
Black food colouring  
1 packet of prepared royal icing  
1 small packet of digestive biscuits  
100g raisins  
250g butter  
400g dark chocolate  
Baking parchment

### READER OFFER

Recipes taken from *Custard and Crayons with Polly and Jago* by Jo Vestey and Sarah Rowden.

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# Fast food

After an overdose of ready meals, The Kitchen in Parsons Green revolutionises the midweek culinary habits of **Lydia Williams**.

Our TV screens are filled to the brim with 'slow food' recipes, with doe-eyed foodies traipsing around London's food markets at 5am. snuffling out a perfect bunch of carrots and a still flapping fillet of fish, to create their tempting morsels. This culinary treasure hunt is all very well for those not chained to a desk nine to five, but, being realistic, Monday to Friday is about fire-fighting in the kitchen (sometimes literally in my case), we reach for whatever is a) in the fridge b) quickest to cook or c) the takeaway menu.

Yet juxtaposed with this need for simple, easy midweek suppers is the niggling sense – thank you Hugh and Jamie – that eating cheap ready meals is neither good for our health nor our soul. As if by magic, the saviour of this culinary quandary has arrived. Like a white knight, Thierry Laborde has arrived in his shining chef whites, brandishing a business plan that has already caused quite a stir in the kitchens of Parsons Green.

Laborde and business partner, Natalie Richmond opened The Kitchen on the New King's Road in early August. The small shop front opens into a rustic French café, where homemade patisseries (Laborde's handiwork) and good coffee can be had, it is on closer inspection that the eye is drawn to the back of the shop, to an open-plan kitchen, where the heart of this business lies.

The basic principle is this: online or in store, clients can pick from a restaurant style menu and during one of the three daily sessions, prepare their chosen dishes to take home, ready to cook. In store, there is no chopping, weighing or cooking involved. Michelin-starred chef, Laborde, sources, washes, weighs and chops all the ingredients prior to your arrival – ready for you to assemble in a slick, step-by-step process. "The principle is an American one, but over there it is very much stack it high, sell them cheap – mums go in and cook a month's worth of food and stock up their freezers," explains Richmond. "We're trying to create the same model but on a smaller scale, in every sense. We want traceable, sustainable, well-sourced ingredients to go into our recipes."

As locals get their heads around the concept, it is being taken up by a wide demographic. "The 9.30am slot is full of mums after the school run, in a couple of hours they can have the family fed for the week, at 2pm we are seeing people who work around here pop in during their lunch hour, make a week's worth of dinners, pick up something for lunch and they're off! 7pm is much more the social session, over a glass of wine couples or hopeless bachelors can come and make up some dishes, and get some tips from Thierry at the same time!"

My own session started with military precision, on a bank of four work stations, I was set up with my first dish (organic salmon and



Lydia Williams gets some culinary tips from Thierry Laborde

smoked haddock fishcakes with homemade ketchup). Out came my pre-weighed and sliced ingredients and off I went, with a step-by-step guide to steer my course. Laborde hovered, interjecting with tips and hints and, after a rather a-symmetric attempt at a fishcake he swooped in to save the day, and the dish. As I proudly finished my last patty, Richmond took over, whisking off my creation to be packaged up – and all my washing up!

A lasagne and roasted fillet of cod St. Trafalgar style were all finished in 40 minutes flat. As I chatted with Richmond at the door, Laborde appeared with a colossal pavlova, laden with autumnal fruits. 'A client of ours came in with a carrier bag full of fruit her husband has foraged on a recent shooting trip, and didn't have a clue what to with it,' Richmond explains. 'So Thierry has whipped it up into a pavlova and she's passing it off as her own at a dinner party tonight,' she laughs. As I make my way home I realise that I need not bother with such white lies, as strictly speaking, I had made all my dishes myself, no one need know I had my own chef to do the hard-graft for me.

**The Kitchen, 275 New King's Road, SW6 4RD, 020 7736 8067**



From left: your culinary creations are packaged and ready to go; the kitchen 'prep' stations; Thierry Laborde and Natalie Richmond.





# Dish of the day

**Valentine Warner** is the hot new chef of the moment. Discovered by the same team who made stars of Jamie and Gordon, Warner is more at home in waders than whites. A determined huntin', shootin', fishin' man, his recipes are all about seasonality, freshness and eating the very best that nature has to offer. Here are a few to try

## BAKED CRAB CREAMS

This was my mother's invention, served at least 10 years ago, but it was so good it will never be forgotten. I can only hope that as she cannot remember how it was done, as I think my version is no flimsy imitation; it is pretty close to the original.

*Serves 6*  
 150ml milk  
 a pinch of freshly grated nutmeg  
 250g brown crabmeat  
 butter, for greasing  
 2 medium eggs and 3 medium egg yolks  
 150ml single cream  
*To serve*  
 large-flaked sea salt and black pepper  
 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
 toast and butter

Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas 5.

Put everything except for the nutmeg, butter and black pepper in a blender and whiz for 10 seconds. Push the mixture through a fine sieve into a measuring jug, then grate in the nutmeg and grind in some black pepper. Stir.

Butter the inside of six 8cm ramekins before pouring in the mixture. Fill them right to the top. Put the ramekins in a roasting tin filled with 1cm kettle-hot water and pop in the preheated oven for 20 minutes.

Check to see that the creams are ready. Jiggle the tray and it will be apparent if they are not. You want a slight wobble, but not ripples. The closer to only just set it is, the better.

If they are done, remove each ramekin from the oven to a small plate. Serve immediately with a teaspoon and buttered white or brown toastlets to plunge into this quivering delight.







## WARM SALAD OF PIGEON, ROAST CHICORY AND PICKLED WALNUTS

This salad is very tasty in all parts, making a crack team, as you will see. When in season, a carefully skinned and segmented blood orange (or orange) is a delicious addition to this dish. Mix it through with the leaves.

The roast chicory alone goes very well with all other meats and fish such as bass.

### *Serves 4*

- breasts of 2 wood pigeons
- 3/4 tablespoon walnut or hazelnut oil
- 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
- 1 small handful each of oakleaf lettuce
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard and frisée lettuce
- 2 pickled walnuts
- a small handful of shelled hazelnuts or walnuts
- large-flaked sea salt and black pepper
- 20g butter
- For the roast chicory*
- 1 big chicory head
- 1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
- 30g butter
- 2 teaspoons caster sugar

Preheat the oven to full whack. Cut a piece of greaseproof paper to the size of a baking tray and lay it on.

Remove any outside damaged or browned leaves from the chicory. Do not cut off the stem at the bottom, as this holds the pieces together. Split the chicory in half lengthways. Cut each half in four lengthways and lay them on the papered tray. Splash with the sherry vinegar, thumb over the top of the bottle, on the exposed sides of the chicory and dot them generously with little knobs of the butter. Grind over salt and pepper and finally sprinkle the pieces with the caster sugar. Put them in the oven for their first 15 minutes.

Pull some good leaves from the oakleaf lettuce, and choose the more tender middle leaves from the frisée, but not masses of either. Although a salad, the idea is not to obscure the pigeon as if it were back in the tree. Wash the leaves, but treat the oakleaf carefully, as it is easily bruised and damaged. Drain and dry thoroughly.

Next, harpoon the pickled walnuts from the jar and slice them thinly from end to end. They may crumble a little bit, but no matter. Put them to one side.

Check the chicory after 15 minutes. If it has started to brown, turn it over in the melted butter and return it to the oven. If not, give it longer. You want the chicory to be well browned and very frazzled all over. Check the pieces and turn, returning them to the oven until this is done.

For the last 3-4 minutes, toast the shelled nuts in the oven. When this task is completed, turn the oven to low just to keep the chicory warm.

Pull the skin off the pigeon breasts. Season them well with salt and pepper. Put a small frying pan on the heat with the butter and heat it until it is smoking.

While the pan heats, in a bowl, mix a couple of capfuls of the walnut or hazelnut oil, a good splash of sherry vinegar, seasoning and the Dijon mustard together. Don't use too much walnut or hazelnut oil as it is strong and the lettuce is only to be lightly dressed. When blended, toss in the leaves and move them about until well covered.

Put the pigeon breasts in the smoking pan and, without fiddling, leave them to cook for 2 minutes before turning them to do the same on the other side. If the breasts arch up in defiance while frying, press them down with a fork to get the sides nice and brown. When cooked, take them out of the pan and rest them.

Take the chicory from the oven, remove from the pan, flicking off any excess butter, and mix it through the leaves. With an open and light clasp, gently divide the salad between both plates, the chicory poking through, and all looking buoyant, not flat. Angling a knife at 45 degrees, slice each pigeon breast crossways into four and artfully pop two slices of breast on each salad. Sprinkle over the slices of pickled walnut and the coarsely chopped toasted nuts, and eat it sharpish with maybe a glass of cold cider.



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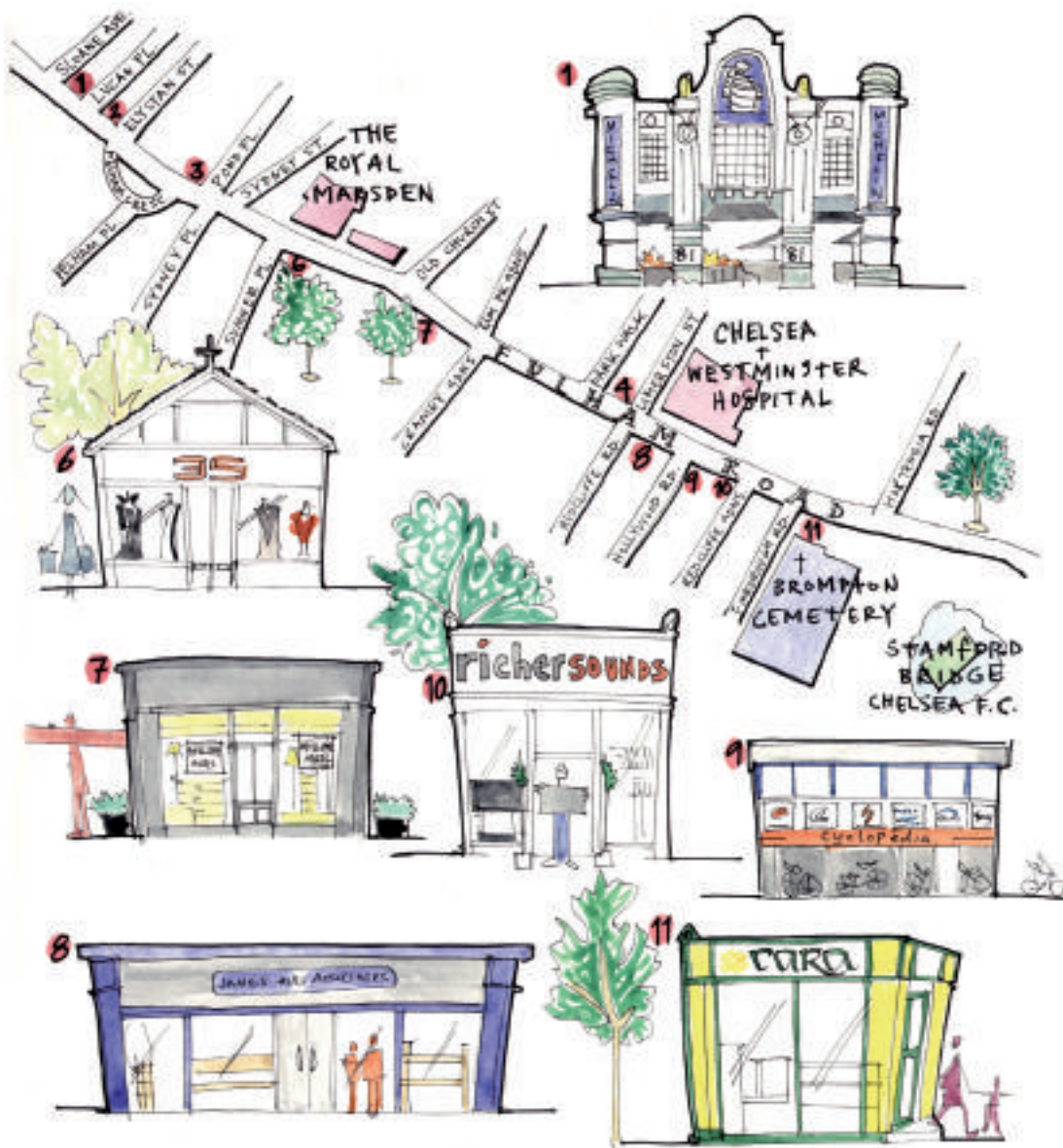


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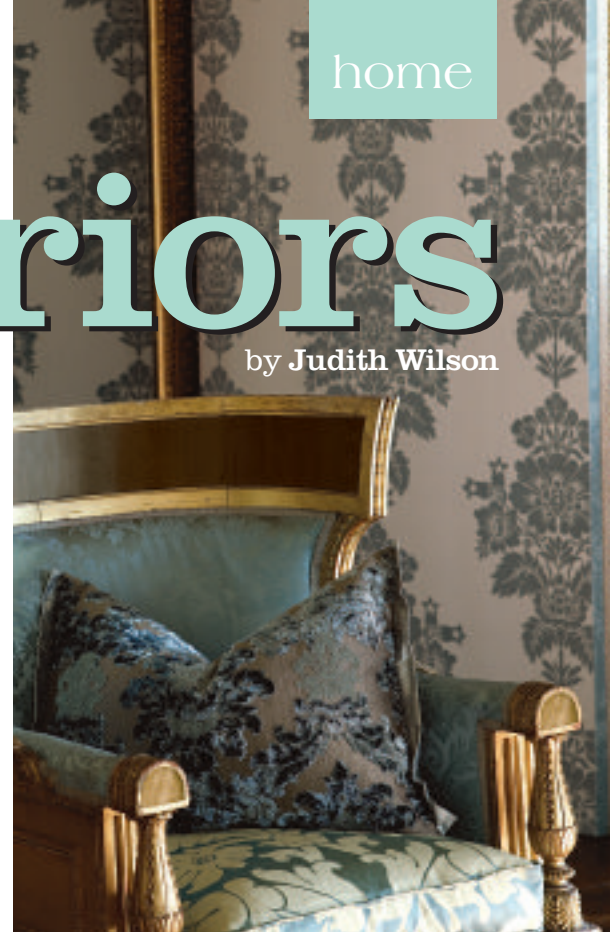
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# the great indoors

...with **Camillin Denny**

Interview by Judith Wilson

**T**his autumn the media may be awash with financial gloom, but for some companies – Camillin Denny Architects amongst them – business remains buoyant. Liam Denny, who is one of the two directors at Camillin Denny, says that it has even been “a little bit mad”. He and his fellow director, Mark Camillin, have this summer opened a brand new London office in Fulham, to add to their already thriving Brighton base, and are even thinking of starting a Middle East branch, too. For a practice that only officially founded three and a half years ago, expansion has been rapid. “It has been quite a stressful period, but we’ve certainly gone for it – we now employ 40 staff and we haven’t stopped yet!” says Denny.

As a practice, Camillin Denny has quickly carved a niche for itself as a specialist in the fusion between the old and the new, the classic and the contemporary – with a twist. Right from the start, many of their jobs have been London based, requiring that sensitive combination of a modern extension onto existing, and sometimes protected, architecture. Very few architects like to be asked to pinpoint a trademark style, but for Camillin Denny, it has been to build up a track record of working on high-end listed buildings. “We aim to treasure the existing and the historic, whilst adding a more contemporary edge,” says Denny. One of their most prestigious projects to date has been a Grade II\*-listed house in Highgate village, originally built by William Blake in 1688, an entire refurbishment with a stunning contemporary style glass extension.

The architects also work extensively in Belgravia – they currently have four projects on the go in Eaton Square – one of which will be completed at the end of this year. They have masterminded the transformation of the old Irish Club in Eaton Square, also Grade II\* listed, from a traditional gentlemen’s club with 40 bedrooms and public spaces, into a new 18,000sqft single dwelling for a private client. There are now six en suite bedrooms and a pool in the basement. “We’ve used a lot of high quality finishes here, from marble to solid walnut and oak floors,” says Denny. While 50 per cent of their work is residential, the other 50 per cent is made up of hotels – one in Syon Park, and the other in Cambridge – and assorted commercial buildings, so the mix is broad. Denny is no stranger to hotel design: whilst working for another London practice, he was the project architect for Rocco Forte’s new build five-star luxury hotel in Manchester, the Lowry Hotel, which went on to be listed as one of the Leading Hotels of the World.

**Many architects concentrate on the architecture, pure and simple, but at Camillin Denny the brief is much wider**

Denny and Camillin first met whilst working at the same London architectural design practice. As time went by, and they went their separate ways, they were approached to do private commissions, starting off with friends’ houses, and gradually taking on bigger projects. “For a number of years, I was teaching architecture at the University of the West of England,” says Denny. Eventually, after landing two particularly large commissions, the pair decided to launch the company formally, and set up a base in Brighton. The practice has just been awarded the Sussex Heritage Trust Award 2008 for their sensitive work on a residential project, The Dovecote.

With an office in Brighton, and now one in London, doesn’t Denny spend a great deal of time travelling around? “Yes, I do! But mostly I am out on site anyway.” In fact, he points out that having two bases streamlines the teams. “So many of us were commuting up and down from Brighton for the central London projects, that it makes sense to have a base here.”

Many architects like to concentrate on the architecture, pure and simple, but at Camillin Denny the brief is much wider. “We increasingly found that either clients wanted us to help with the interior design, or we wanted to offer more – but

didn’t have the expertise to do the final dressings,” Denny says. In the past year, they have concentrated on employing interior architects and interior designers to do just that, and now offer a full in-house interior design service. As for why clients are beating such an enthusiastic path to their door? “I like to think we never repeat the same thing in terms of our style,” says Denny. “But what does mark us out is attention to detail and our need to understand what the client is all about.”

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Liam Denny (standing), with Mark Camillin



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by Robert Gwyn Palmer



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**THE SNOWBALL** by Alice Schroeder  
Bloomsbury, £25

Warren Buffett is the richest man in the world. This biography is remarkable in many ways, not least because it is the first (and almost certainly the last) authorised book that will be published about him, and therefore the clearest insight we'll have into one of the most astute financial brains in the world. Buffett is, in some ways, similar to Microsoft founder Bill Gates, who also grew up in an atmosphere of hard work and social responsibility. It is these two virtues that have governed the way Buffett has set about endowing charitable foundations with amounts of money large enough to make footballers blush. But in addition to the inside view we are

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**CUPBOARD LOVE**, Laura Lockington  
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**OSCAR'S BOOKS**, Thomas Wright  
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by Isabel Dexter



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**Mole Removal, from £50 for a consultation.** Cosmedics Skin Clinics, 10 Knaresborough Place, SW5 0TG and 14 Queen Anne Street, W1G 9LG, 020 7386 0464, [www.cosmedics.co.uk](http://www.cosmedics.co.uk)



## MINERAL MAGIC

Omorovicza is a cult Hungarian beauty brand that is causing quite a stir on our shores. Combining the healing and soothing effects of Hungarian water, with the latest advances in mineral skincare – Omorovicza is a name to watch.

The luxurious reviving eye cream, (£65, pictured), diminishes dark circles, combats under eye lines and adds the sparkle back to your peepers.

**Omorovicza products are available from Harvey Nichols, 109-125 Knightsbridge, SW1X 7RJ, 020 7235 5000, [www.omorovicza.com](http://www.omorovicza.com)**

## RESIDENT READER OFFER

This month, exclusive to The Resident readers, the first 30 customers who book the Sisley Essential Facial at Harrods, will receive a special gift, worth £80. The Sisley skincare gift includes cleansing milk, toning lotion, eye and lip contouring balm, anti-ageing cream and a restorative fluid body cream.

The offer is valid until end of October 2008 and only when customers present this issue of The Resident. One gift per customer when they book a Sisley facial.

**Sisley Essential Facial, £50 for 45 mins, redeemable against purchases. Harrods, 87-135 Brompton Road, SW1X 7XL, 020 7730 1234**



## HEAVY METAL

Nail autumn's metallic makeup trend, with Laura Mercier's striking, yet wearable, limited edition palettes, (£45). Available from 1 October, and exclusive to Harvey Nichols, the two palettes come housed in a chic, dark silver makeup bag, and contain four hues, in either gold or silver.

**Laura Mercier Sensual Metals exclusive palette duo, available exclusively at Harvey Nichols.**

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# Sweet SENSATION

Westbourne Grove's newest addition Nougat London is helping us to relax in and out of home

Autumn's here, grey skies loom and the economy keeps on crunching. If ever we needed somewhere to go and forget about the world (and not wake up with a stinking hangover the next day), then now is the time. Thank heavens, therefore, for Nougat London.

Launched last month so that the spa's entire collection could be found in one place, Nougat's lush surroundings in Westbourne Grove make it a most relaxing retreat. Make sure you don't arrive late – it will simply mean you have less time to work your way through the treatments. The 'menu' on offer is an eye-opener, covering remedies for the body, top-to-toe. Here's a selection of what can be enjoyed:

## **NOUGAT SPA'S SENSUAL MASSAGE**

This decadent massage will leave you feeling utterly pampered and indulged. A blend of almond and jojoba oils moisturise and soothe the skin, while essential oils of ylang ylang, sandalwood and jasmine envelop and unwind the body and soul. You will literally feel your stress levels drop as your mind drifts slowly off.

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### WAXING

Nougat's waxing systems have been chosen not only for their healing ingredients, but for hygiene purposes to prevent cross client contamination. They use the PHD system for larger areas of the body and hot wax for the delicate, sensitive areas. Using the waxing systems will not only help to keep the skin looking naturally smooth, but will also help to slow hair growth; over time, hair becomes more sparse, finer and weaker.

### NOUGAT SPA'S TIME FOR HIM EXPERIENCE

This experience has been designed for those that like to feel refreshed, relaxed and well groomed. It begins with a foot cleansing ritual and herbal tea, while the therapist discusses areas of concern and selects the most relevant essential oils. The experience

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### THE NOUGAT COLLECTION

You would be hard pressed to work your way around all of the treatments on offer at Nougat London. The good news is that Nougat has created a home collection to continue the soothing work back in the comfort of your own four walls.

The Nougat bath, body and home collection is designed to pamper and indulge. The range was originally launched with the spa's signature tuberose and jasmine fragrance, a sensuous and delicate floral concoction. Nougat has now introduced to the collection its fig and pink cedar fragrance, which strikes the perfect balance between confidence and femininity.

The philosophy at Nougat remains consistent through all the new products being launched. Only the finest ingredients, none of which are tested on animals, are used to create beautiful products ideal for gifts or the ultimate in self-indulgence. All of its bath and body products are manufactured

in England, ensuring they use traditional manufacturing techniques and maintain the high quality its customers have come to expect. And the message is spreading – the collection is developing a cult following in Europe, North America and across the rest of the world, as well as the UK.

There are plenty of spas in London that scrub away everyday stress, and there are many, many products that do the same at home. But one place doing both? It's a rare occurrence, but you can find Nougat London right on your doorstep. Experience what they have to offer and look at the world in a different light.

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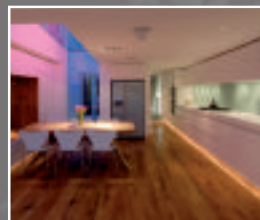
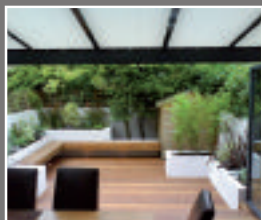
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# About *face*

Beata Alexandrowicz, co founder of Pure Massage has designed a facial therapy described as the 'new botox'. **Amanda Constance** tried it out



**T**he moment you meet Beata Alexandrowicz you know you are in the presence of somebody special. She has a beatific smile and an extraordinary calmness about her that assures you you are in safe hands immediately. Alexandrowicz is the co-founder of Pure Massage, the renowned massage salon in Fulham, and she is passionate about the healing power of touch.

I went to see Alexandrowicz at Fenwicks, where the salon runs some therapy rooms, to experience her renowned face therapy, a facial massage that is meant to revive our facial features and drop years from your appearance. Alexandrowicz stipulates that this is not a beauty treatment, 'we need wrinkles' she says, 'this is our own character'. It is about releasing years of tension, held in our facial features which not only brightens our face but can make us feel better as well. Ideally, a client will see Alexandrowicz for six sessions and support her therapy with diet and lifestyle changes. After this time Alexandrowicz says 'changes are really very visible'. Each session lasts about an hour in which Alexandrowicz uses a mixture of massage, acupressure and cranio-sacral techniques to work on the faces' connective tissue and lymph flow,

re-educating every muscle in the face to release tension. Over the six hour course facial muscle tone returns, finer contour emerges around the cheekbones and jaw and your skin begins to glow. Sadly, I only experienced one session but it was amazing. I have no recollection of the hour's massage as I went to blissful la-la land very quickly but afterwards my face really did look brighter and I felt incredibly serene and peaceful.

Alexandrowicz wants to take her message about human touch worldwide. She has recently been filming a documentary where she went to visit the Kalahari bushmen to share their experiences and discover how they communicate with touch. She said it was extraordinary how she could communicate with the tribespeople without sharing any common language and she learnt a lot from them. Her film is sure to be very fascinating; she is a woman with rare talent.

**Beata Aleksandrowicz is available for Face Therapy at Fenwicks every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. £125 per hour session. Visit [www.puremassage.com](http://www.puremassage.com), or call 020 7381 8100 (this number will put you through to the main booking line for both clinics).**

## THE EYES HAVE IT

Nobody does eyebrows like Kamini. The woman is a genius. I'd spent too long without her nimble attentions and had eyebrows like two bushy caterpillars. It's amazing the shape she achieves and it is done so quickly and with almost no pain. Kamini says this is because it is not threading. She likes to call what she does the 'Kamini technique' – she works with a thread but moves so quickly and precisely that she says the hair follicle isn't disturbed, therefore hair regrowth is much slower than with many traditional threading techniques. Ok, £45 seems steep for a single session to get your eyebrows done but with regrowth being that much slower, you should only need to visit once every three months. Kamini is almost evangelical about her methods and says it's about the long-term, not a cheap quick fix. She insists that you don't pluck or wax in between visits to her and in return she promises you will eventually only need to visit once or twice a year. Worth the £45 don't you think?

*Kamini is offering 10% off to Resident readers. Simply take this page to her salon before 31 October to claim your discount.*

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# Have a knife-free nip and tuck

EF MediSpa in the heart of Kensington has all the answers

It has recently been exposed in the press that plastic surgery can contribute to ageing, leaving the skin looking lacklustre and dull. But still we all want to look younger and feel better, so how can this be achieved without having to resort to such drastic measures?

Esther Fieldgrass, founder of EF MediSpa, has the state-of-the-art technology to achieve results without the nip and tuck.

## Facial Revolution – the no-knife face-lift

The Facial Revolution is a three-step approach. Following a consultation with Esther, the first step would include a range of treatments for face-lifting, brow-lifting, non-surgical eye-bag reduction, replacing lost facial volume, line erasing and skin plumping. “Every Facial Revolution programme is tailored to meet your wish list,” says Esther. The second step would include a complete smile make-over. “Having ultra clean white teeth can knock years off your appearance, add to a healthy-looking glow and give you so much more confidence,” says Esther. Thirdly, a maintenance programme of treatments is recommended, followed by an ongoing homecare regime of cosmeceutical serums and antioxidants.

## Laser Lipo at EF MediSpa – as recommended by *Grazia*

*Grazia* hails Laser Lipo (permanent fat removal) at EF MediSpa as the alternative to Liposuction. This works wonders for those

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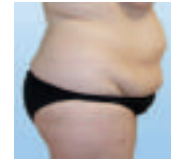
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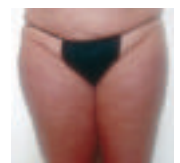
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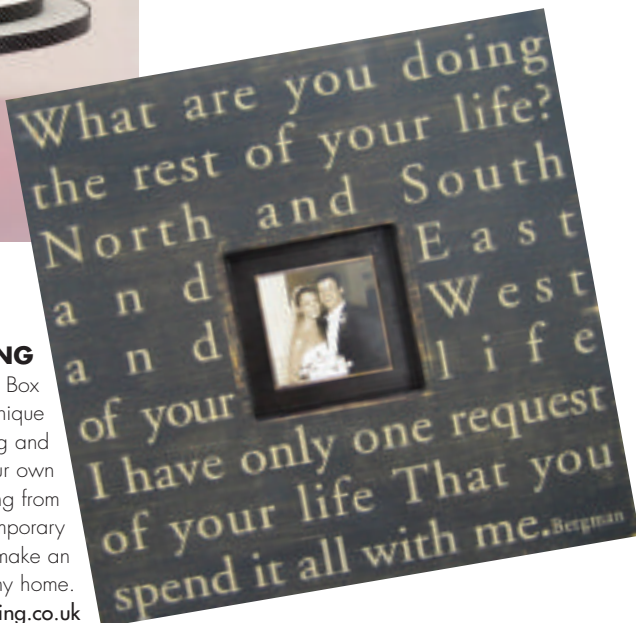
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Some parts of the building date back to the 15th century and its history of ownership is pretty impressive: it belonged to descendants of William the Conqueror for 484 years.

The hotel was closed for 35 days earlier this year for refurbishment and the work has been sensitively carried out. Photographs of staff (and one of Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York with her children) adorn the lobby and there are plenty of fishing rods and wax jackets too, so there's no excuse not to feel at home.

**THE ROOM:** Each of the 55 rooms has been individually styled by a different designer from Osborne & Little to Crabtree & Evelyn – our choice and one of the most popular. Boasting double-height (or were they triple-height?) ceilings, two large windows overlooking the park and a cream, green and mauve floral decor. Our room also had a large, firm king-size bed, pictures of wild flowers on the walls and plenty of Crabtree & Evelyn products. The large bathroom, with huge bath and power shower, boasted a bright trompe d'oeil. Vivaldi's Four Seasons was playing on the Sony CD-player for our arrival and we were encouraged to try the complimentary sloe gin. There was no air conditioning (although probably not necessary for the old building), but there was a stand-alone fan.

**THE RESTAURANT:** Mainly middle-aged, ex-finishing school ladies and equally smart middle-aged men provided the attentive service. Be prepared for a decadent evening, champagne and canapés (including sweet chilli prawns and gruyere tarts) are served on slate in the drawing room, lobby or library, before heading to the elegant Grinling Gibbons restaurant for the main event.

The menu is pretty traditional and vegetarians aren't very well catered for, although the wine menu is very extensive – presented like a hardback book complete with a foreword. For mains, the meat eater plumped for a loin of lamb, mint gnocchi, English peas (deliciously sweet) and red wine sauce, while I enjoyed a British pea and herb risotto with aged parmesan salad. For dessert, we shared a decadent dark chocolate and cherry torte.

If you fancy something more casual, head to The Pavilion restaurant, housed in a stone and thatch-roofed cottage, overlooking the 18-hole golf course.

**THE UPSIDE:** The outdoor life is calling! Enjoy a game of chess on the oversize board, play boules, croquet or tennis or just discover a favourite spot in the rose garden. Wander down to the hi-tech gym and spa, housed in the beautiful old stables, or swim in the 22m pool.

**THE DOWNSIDE:** Our room was missing a mini-bar or at least some complimentary water for our arrival.

**THE EXTRAS:** There are plenty of options for the hyperactive, including golf, fishing, horse riding and archery. I was lucky enough to meet the estate's falconer Pete – who knows everything there is to know about birds and has plenty of interesting stories – and some of his birds of prey, including Bernard the European eagle owl, whom Pete hand-reared.

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# Pitch perfect

Amanda Constance takes her family to a Featherdown Farm in Devon to experience 'posh' camping at its very best

I have always loved camping. Or rather, I have always loved the idea of it. Back to nature, being outdoors, getting up with the sun and going to bed with the moon. But the realities of life with small children made camping seem rather uninviting. If only someone would invent a holiday under canvas without the hassle of wet clothes and sleeping bags, stoves that won't light and flyaway tents.

Step forward Luite Moraal. He's the brains behind Featherdown Farms, his self-styled 'most unique holiday experience in Britain' or posh-camping to you and me. Moraal, from the Netherlands, introduced us to the joys of Center

Parcs in the 1980s and his latest venture, which first started in the UK two years ago has a similar get-away-from-it-all theme, only a little more rustic.

As a holiday experience, Featherdown Farms, is aimed squarely at affluent urbanites with young children. The idea is that you stay in a 'tent' on a working farm and enjoy a countryside experience more akin to decades long gone than the realities of rural Britain in the Noughties. Moraal's timing couldn't be better, the Featherdown Farms philosophy chimes perfectly with the vaguely eco-conscious city slickers who are making bucket and spade

holidays in the UK so fashionable again.

The tent you stay in might be made of canvas but that's where any similarities end with the flimsy numbers you find at Milletts. They are really like tented cottages. And it's good-bye sleeping bags and wafer-thin ground mats and hello wooden floors, double beds, duvets, a wood-burning stove and joy of joys, an in-house flushing loo. The only real concession to days of yore is no electricity.

It all sounded fabulous and seemed to make our idea of a camping holiday with an 18 month and four-year-old perfectly possible. So we packed up and set off for Rickham Farm in





Left to right: all the Featherdown tents are in beautiful settings; the wood-fired stove keeps the tent toasty warm

deepest South Devon, one of the newest of the 22 Featherdown Farms already up and running in the UK.

We arrived at the farm in the stunning South Hams to be greeted by Chris Lewis, our farmer host who owns 500 of the most beautiful acres of land where he farms rare-breed pigs, Dexter and Angus cattle and arable land.

Cars are verboten on Featherdown campsites and we were given a wheelbarrow to transfer our luggage to our tent, (the Featherdown experience is, at times, quite earnestly instructive with its back-to-nature credentials) which at first glance looked just like the mess tents I experienced as a Girl Guide. There were seven tents on the site which faced down the valley with a stunning view towards the Salcombe Estuary (just a 15 minute walk down a bridleway that ran through the farmland). And the promises of a working farm were not empty. We had the Lewis's beautiful homebred horses just yards away in the neighbouring field and right next to the campsite a chicken run and two Vietnamese pot-bellied sows, mothers to the sweetest and most determined free-range piglets I've ever seen.

The tents were fantastic. The main 'room' consisted of a spacious area with a wooden floor, large wooden kitchen table and assorted chairs, stove and island with sink and storage. There is also a wooden chest which is your 'fridge', frozen hot water bottles are provided at the farmshop and you can replace them daily to keep the chest cool. It works surprisingly well. The tent sleeps a maximum of six, there is a double bedroom, a bunk bedroom for two and a canopy bed, basically a cupboard with a mattress in it but it was an absolute hit with the children (and me with memories of Heidi from childhood).

The brochure describes the tent's interior as a 'reminder of the honest rural life of yesteryear'. It is almost excessively faux rustic but the result is quite magical. Farmer Chris explained that all the tents arrived on huge articulated lorries from the Netherlands (not so-eco then) and were put

up by burly Dutchmen. The Featherdown Farm experience is a brand, wherever you go in the country you will get the same tent with the same quirky detailing and clever design. So the wooden doors have roughly hewn hearts cut into them, the shelves are Dutch packing cases, tea light lanterns hang suspended over beds, there are wooden photo frames with pictures of chickens and lambs, and an artfully strewn vintage leather case on top of a cupboard. There is also everything you need in terms of cutlery

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pyjamas, frightening  
the living daylights  
out of the chickens**

and crockery; the tents were really well stocked.

The 'experience' isn't just limited to the tent. Every Featherdown Farm has a farm shop where you can buy those all-important organic necessities and some over-priced kindling for the wood-burning stove. The shop also stocks staples such as bread, milk and butter. We were also promised organic goodies, local produce and the farm's 'award-winning' sausages in the shop but they never materialised which was a bit of a disappointment.

But for all the 'mod cons' it was still surprisingly hard work. Mainly because of the wood-burning stove. This little beastie was quite frankly a bugger to light, chewed through wood and often decided to go out. When it takes an hour and a half to boil water for a cuppa you begin to appreciate the invention of the kettle. At times, with hungry children to feed, the stove nearly got the better of us, but

this is actually part of the genius of the Featherdown experience. You are forced to slow down and the satisfaction when you do get that cup of coffee or produce a fabulous fry up on a roaring fire is immense. In the same way the lack of light is a great boon. Meals take place under candlelight and with no TV or other distractions there is more talking and reading and it was so satisfying zipping up the tent with the children tucked up and enjoying a glass of wine before turning in outrageously early.

I will never forget buying a huge, fresh crab from a nearby beach, breaking it up outside our tent and cooking crab pasta for the whole family which we ate with glee and greasy fingers. As with all camping, the simple functions of finding, cooking and eating food become the absorbing focal point of each day and you relax before you even have become aware of it.

Despite the somewhat inclement weather (howling winds and not much sun) we loved being outside all the time. On the beach, walking on cliff tops, taking the ferry across the estuary for fish and chips in Salcombe. And it is magic for our cooped-up, city kids; they went semi-feral, careering around the farm with other children in their pyjamas having a whale of a time and frightening the living daylights out of the farm's rescue hens. I will never forget my son's pleasure when he removed an egg from under a chicken's bottom to bring home for his breakfast. Daily routines went out the window, we all gave up on staying clean, ate late breakfasts and early suppers and loved it. Despite feeling like hard work, everyone commented on how relaxed I looked when we returned. I think we'll be going back.

The 2009 lead-in prices are from £275 for four nights (Mon-Thurs) per tent, fully furnished unit sleeping up to six. Weekend rates start from £245 and weekly rates from £395. For reservations and information contact tel 01420 8080 or visit [www.featherdown.co.uk](http://www.featherdown.co.uk)





**T**his month I am cooking a dinner party for a few friends (incidentally they are all chefs so I really need to be on my game) and, with it being the food issue, I thought you could accompany me on my culinary journey through London and discover some of the places where I go to buy my all-important ingredients.

As I live in Battersea we will start my journey south of the river with a visit to **Moen and Sons** on Clapham Common. Of all the butchers in London, I have found their meat to be of an excellent quality and the service is uncommonly helpful and friendly. As the weather is turning decidedly chilly, I am looking for a great piece of beef or venison for a nice warming stew or perhaps some game birds for a winter roast. Great for when you have company as you can spend more time with your guests and stick the food in the middle of the table for people to help themselves.

**In order to make an impression, only the best ingredients will do**

I pick up a nice bottle or two at **Philglas and Swiggot**, a great independent wine shop with a fantastic range from both the old and the new world, sold with expert advice. They also offer a 'cellar planning service' with tips on how to achieve a well-balanced cellar created from a range of wines ready to drink at various times in the future. Customers can choose a £1,000 or £3,000 cellar and they will send the wines over to you and let you pay throughout the course of the year.

A quick hop over the Thames to Sloane Square leads me to **L'artisan du Chocolat** where I take the last of the delicious and immensely popular liquid salted caramels. With my post-dinner treats wrapped up I start to think about cheese and luckily, through my contacts at Foliage, I know just the people to turn to at **La Cave à Fromage** in Kensington. Here I almost certainly get carried away and leave with enough dairy produce to feed a small housing estate. But I couldn't have chosen a better place, the cheese is well cared for and perfectly aged to my requirements, so I select a few ripe ones for tonight and a couple of younger examples for later on in the week.

I have now worked up quite an appetite so I head to **Books for Cooks** in Notting Hill where I invariably spend a couple of hours browsing. I have a quick bite to eat in their fantastic café and look for some inspiration within the vast collection of cookery books. But time is marching on and even though I am armed with my desired produce and a stack of good ideas, the meat isn't in the oven and the table isn't laid. Perhaps it would have been a better idea to order direct from **Forman and Field** after all...

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**Set lunch menu:** £7.95 for daily special main course plus glass of house wine, pint of beer or non-alcoholic drink.

**Signature dish:** Slow-cooked lamb shoulder, puy lentils, cavolo nero and rosemary.

**Sample dishes:** Traditional cassoulet; mackerel fillets, potato pancake, beetroot relish and sour cream; foie gras and game terrine.

**House wine:** Terre Forte Trebbiano/Chardonnay and Sangiovese, Rubicone, Italy, 2007, £12.75.

**Approx price for two people:** £45 for three-course dinner (without wine).

**Outdoor area:** Seating for drinking and dining.

**Private dining:** Private section for up to 25.

**Opening times:** Monday-Sunday, 11am - midnight.



## HACHE BURGER CONNOISSEURS

329-331 Fulham Road, SW10 9QL

020 7823 3515, [www.hacheburgers.com](http://www.hacheburgers.com)

**Set-lunch menu:** £8.95 one course, £10.95 two courses.

**Signature Dish:** Crispy duck burger

**Sample Dishes:** Steak 'Le Sicilian', steak 'Blue Cheese', grand salad 'Avocat' and chicken burger 'Honey Moutarde'.

**House wine:** St Etalon Sauvignon, France, £14; Sortori Pinot Grigio Blush, Italy, £14; Libertad Malbec Shiraz, Argentina, £14

**Approx price for two people:** £15 - £20

**Outdoor area:** Seating for six in front of the restaurant.

**Opening times:** From noon every day. Grills close at: 10pm Sunday, 10.30pm Monday-Wednesday, 11pm Thursday, 11.15pm Friday-Saturday.

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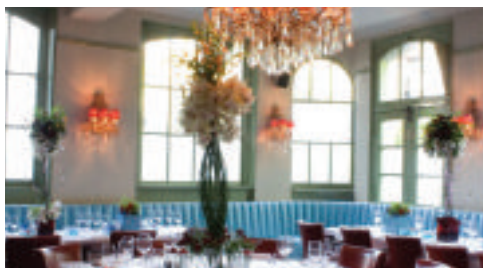
**Signature dish:** Spaghetтини al' Granchio, Spaghetti with fresh crab.

**Sample dishes:** Insalata di Polipo (tender octopus salad), Fazzoletti di seta al pesto (pasta 'silk handkerchiefs' in a pesto sauce), Merluzzo alla Puttanesca (fresh cod pan-fried with olives, tomatoes and capers), Medaglioni con funghi di Bosco (medallions of beef with wild mushrooms).

**House wine:** Ortona Malvasia Bianco Primo, 2006, £13.95, Sangiovese Vignali Roccamora (Sicily), 2006, £13.95.

**Approx price for two:** £35

**Opening times:** Monday - Friday, 12pm-2.30pm, 6pm-11pm; Saturday, 12pm-3.30pm, 6pm-11pm; Sunday, 12pm-3.30pm.



## CHEYNE WALK BRASSERIE

50 Cheyne Walk, SW3 5LR, 020 7376 8787

[www.cheynewalkbrasserie.com](http://www.cheynewalkbrasserie.com)

**Set-lunch menu:** Tuesday-Friday: two courses £17; Saturday-Sunday: two courses £27, three courses £33.

**Reader offer:** Complementary glass of house wine at lunch on weekdays, quote *The Resident*.

**Signature dish:** Grilled sea bream with lemon and bay leaves.

**Sample dishes:** Rack of Pyrenean lamb and duck breast from 'Les Landes' with honey sauce.

**House wine:** Bergerie de la Bastide, Vin de Pays de la Mediterranée, 2007, £16.

**Approx price for two people:** £70

**Semi private dining:** Up to 14 people.

**Opening times:** Tuesday-Saturday, 12pm-3pm; Monday-Saturday, 7pm-10.30pm; Sunday, 12pm-3.30pm.



## BOWLER BAR & GRILL

2a Pond Place, SW3 6QJ, 020 7589 5876

[www.bowlerbarandgrill.co.uk](http://www.bowlerbarandgrill.co.uk)

**Set-lunch menu:** Two courses, £12.95; three courses, £16.95.

**Signature dish:** 200-500g hand-cut Cumbrian Longhorn sirloin steak.

**Sample dishes:** Cromer crab tart with hollandaise; oak-smoked fish board with toast and knickerbocker glory.

**House wine:** Semillon Chardonnay, Willowglen, South East Australia 2007, £14.50; Merlot, Cousino Macul, Chile 2006, £18.

**Approx price for two:** £30-£40

**Private room:** Restaurant and bar available.

**Opening times:** Monday 5pm-11pm; Tuesday-Friday, 12pm-2.30pm and 5pm-11pm; Saturday 5pm-12am, closed Sundays.





## TRICK OR TREAT?

Well, if it's from Hummingbird, it's most definitely a treat. The American-style bakery will, as usual, be celebrating Halloween in style with a range of scary-looking but delicious cakes and cookies, including skull-decorated cupcakes with bright orange frosting. Two shops serve South Kensington and Notting Hill and both take party orders over the phone – book ahead for the big day.

**Hummingbird Bakery**, 47 Old Brompton Road, SW7 3JP, 020 7584 0055 and 133 Portobello Road, W11 2DY, 020 7229 6446, [www.hummingbirdbakery.com](http://www.hummingbirdbakery.com)



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Restaurants across the capital will once again be supporting Action Against Hunger with a 'Fight Hunger Eat Out' campaign this October.

A great excuse to indulge in some excellent meals, all you have to do to help is eat in as many of the

participating eateries as possible – and there are plenty to choose from. In Chelsea alone, you could go British at Bluebird (350 King's Road, 020 7559 1000), French at Le Cercle (1 Wilbraham Place, 020 7901 9999), Italian at Elistano (25-27 Elystan Street, 020 7584 5248), or Malaysian at Awana (85 Sloane Avenue, 020 7584 8880) – even Michelin-starred restaurants like Tom Aikens (43 Elystan Street, 020 7584 2003) will be doing their bit.

For a full list of participants in London and across the country, visit [www.restaurantsagainsthunger.org](http://www.restaurantsagainsthunger.org)

## PIZZA THE ACTION

As the nights draw in and comfort food beckons, why not try some of Firezza's authentic pizzas. Baked in traditional wood-fired ovens, Firezza's pizza is far superior to most takeaway fare. Choose the traditional 'al metro' style and go for a new topping every quarter metre. There are four new pizza recipes to choose from, the Spinachi combines feta with spinach and black olives, the Caprino is a light pizza with goat's cheese and red onion, while the Porcini boasts north Italian truffle oil and wild porcini mushrooms. Firezza has also launched a pizza for all the body-con enthusiasts out there, the Skinny does what it says on the tin, although, quite frankly, if you want to stay skinny, why eat pizza? Firezza delivers to most postcodes across London.

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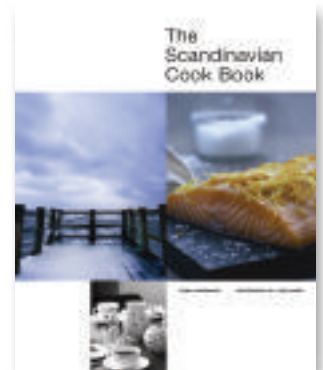
# table talk

by Annica Wainwright, an editor at *Square Meal*

## NORDIC NOSH

Celebrate the onset of autumn with comforting food from colder climes. *The Scandinavian Cook Book* explores the culinary traditions of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, showcasing modern Nordic living in beautiful photographs and delicious seasonal recipes. Split into separate chapters for each month of the year, we'd recommend catching up with September's recipe for Swedish meatballs before looking ahead to December and all its Christmas food ideas. Expect to put prime raw ingredients to unfussy use in a collection of 100 easy recipes that major on fresh, healthy food with the odd naughty treat (think Danish pastries) on the side.

Published by Quadrille, RRP £20



## NOT JUST ANY OLD LAMB

Mutton will most certainly not be dressed as lamb as Ransome's Dock in Battersea celebrates the start of this year's mutton season with a range of specially designed dishes. Customers will be able to try such treats as mutton and turnip pie and herb-crusted baked shoulder of mutton (pictured here), with even further great recipes lined up for chef/proprietor Marin Lam's special mutton dinner, details of which are still to be confirmed. Mutton comes from sheep reared to at least two years of age and has a richer, more mature flavour than lamb. The British season runs from October to March.

**Ransome's Dock**, 35-37 Parkgate Road, SW11 4NP, 020 7223 1611 [www.ransomesdock.co.uk](http://www.ransomesdock.co.uk)





# Spice of life

Indigo, Fulham Road's newest Indian restaurant opens for business

Having a favourite Indian restaurant is as important as knowing what wine suits which cuisine or occasion, so look no further than the new, organic Indigo restaurant located on the Fulham Road just near Brompton Cross, for fine Indo-dining, sumptuous cocktails and even allergy-specific meals.

Formerly Tandoori of Chelsea then Love India, this downstairs eatery is under the new ownership of Ravi Kamineni, who explains the special Indigo concept: "Each dish is individually blended; balancing freshly ground organic spices with only free-range meat and poultry. We cook with virgin olive oil or low fat oils where possible, no genetically modified produce, artificial colouring or additives are used in our preparations anywhere."

Indigo's philosophy is to use the freshest ingredients of the highest standard and the taste test doesn't disappoint. The very first Tandoori restaurant in the UK, the extensive menu boasts unusual dishes such as Chicken Narangi, Sweet Chilli Calamari, Chicken Adraki and Gujarati Pumpkin along with all the old favourites such as Chicken Tikka Masala and Lamb Jalfrezi.

Instantly recognisable by the Raj style doorman, complete with head-dress and a welcoming smile, Indigo offers dishes exquisitely prepared by experienced chefs who have been delivering fantastic dishes here for the past 30 years to local residents and famous visitors alike.

Indigo is open for lunches and an excellent Sunday buffet, pre-bookings are also available for afternoon and evening corporate events, birthday and Christmas/New Year's Eve/day parties or just 'any excuse' parties! Special individual party menus, welcome drinks or cocktails on arrival and music can also be provided.

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As the second opening from the people behind established favourite The Thomas Cubitt, Pantechnicon Rooms has a lot to live up to. So how does it compare? Well, for a start, it's a much smarter affair, located on a prime corner site in Motcomb Street, where a swish bar replaces the Cubitt's lived-in downstairs pub. The intimate dining rooms above are similar to those of its sibling but with linen-clothed tables, posh leather chairs and staff who seem to take a more formal approach to service.

The menu, by contrast, is surprisingly simple. Topped by a selection of oysters and caviar (this is Belgravia after all), it moves through staples like steak tartare and whole grilled Dover sole before rounding off with vanilla cheesecake or banana tart.

We couldn't resist the starter of fish fingers with quail's egg and beans and the finished dish looked even more tempting than its description, placing a neat stack of crunchy breaded fish next to the cutest little copper pot of home-baked beans, in turn topped with a mini fried egg. The fish and egg were both perfectly cooked but the beans were sadly too salty to eat.

It was a similar story at main, the tuna arrived cooked to rare perfection, while its accompanying salad of fennel and asparagus was again tarnished by too much salt. Now, seasoning is of course a matter of taste but we're actually rather fond of the white stuff so if you like your food less salty, be sure to flag this up with the helpful staff.

There were absolutely no complaints about dessert (a blueberry soufflé that may well become our Pud of the Year) and we also enjoyed our waitress' clever by-the-glass wine suggestions so, as long as those seasoning issues are sorted out, we might just have found another lasting local favourite.



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You know you're in for a treat from the moment you sit down. Well spaced, attractive but most of all comfortable, this is one of those rooms that just puts you at ease, setting the scene for a drawn-out meal enhanced by skilful service and excellent wines. A swiftly served amuse bouche – silky-smooth foie gras cream on a wafer-thin parmesan crisp – hints at wonderful things to come and Brett Graham's kitchen delivers every time.

We've eaten our way through a wide cross-section of the menu and nothing has so far been short of spectacular. It's hard to pick favourites but the scallops served on liquoricy fennel mousse with a light drizzle of roasting jus has got to be the stand-out starter, even if it's very closely followed by the steamed asparagus with caramelised duck tongues (sure, it sounds weird but trust us on that one).

After that, you may feast on roast turbot with cauliflower, raisins and razor clams; confit suckling pig with spiced peach and salsify; or loin of deer with ash-baked celeriac and sweet potato. It really doesn't matter what you choose – opt for the £50 tasting menu if you can't decide – for every last dish is as skilfully prepared, gorgeously presented and delicious-tasting as the next. One word of advice, though: don't miss the trio of crème brûlée to finish.



## SANTO

299 PORTOBELLO ROAD,  
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Santo means saint in Spanish and, although the name was originally intended to hint at an All Saints Road address, it still fits the Portobello site where the Mexican newcomer actually ended up. This is certainly a virtuous operation, built on ideals of honest cooking, eco-awareness and community spirit, where food comes out of a home-style kitchen and much of the interiors are made from recycled materials.

But don't go thinking such a nice place can't be naughty. Exemplary Margaritas cost just £7 and tend to set the scene for lively meals, further fuelled by Mexican beers and inevitable tequila shots. The atmosphere is friendly and the whole place has a relaxed vibe about it so the only thing deterring you from settling in for the long-haul are the rather uncomfortable wooden chairs (one local friend hates them so much he's taken to ordering takeaways).

The food, by contrast, is all about comfort. Wanting to recreate the food they enjoyed growing up, the Mexican team behind Santo set about reminiscing – and came up with the long list of favourite dishes that now makes up the menu. Split into daytime and evening sections, with a special bit dedicated to lazy weekend brunches, this encompasses anything from burritos and quesadillas to hearty bowl food and more elaborate main meals.

Visiting on market day, we sat at sunny pavement tables tucking into delicious salmon burritos and an avocado, bean and chilli sandwich that proved as tasty as it was messy. At night, you might opt for something a bit more refined, starting with zingy ceviche (lime-marinated fish) ahead of char-grilled steak with roast chillies or chicken with chocolate sauce. Whenever you come, be sure to bring it all to a sweet close with molasses-stewed pumpkin and a dollop of homemade vanilla ice-cream.

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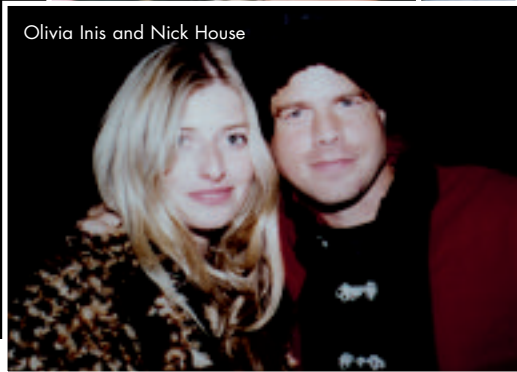
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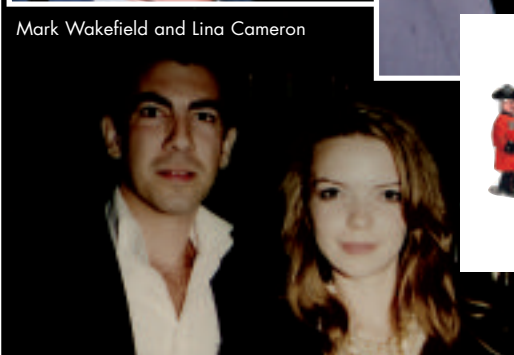
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When Nick House celebrated his 34th birthday at Whisky Mist on Park Lane the theme was 'Russian bling'. Much vodka was had by all, as oligarchs in cossack kit mingled with young lovelies straight out of Dr Zhivago. Princess Eugenie arrived late to join in the fun.

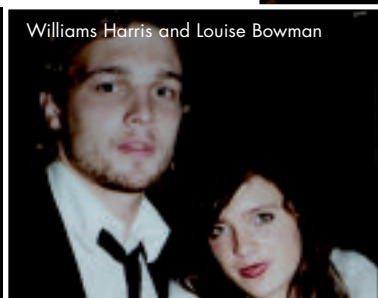
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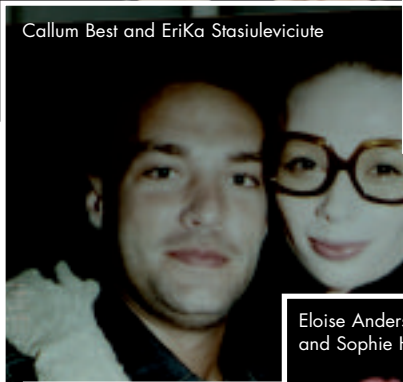
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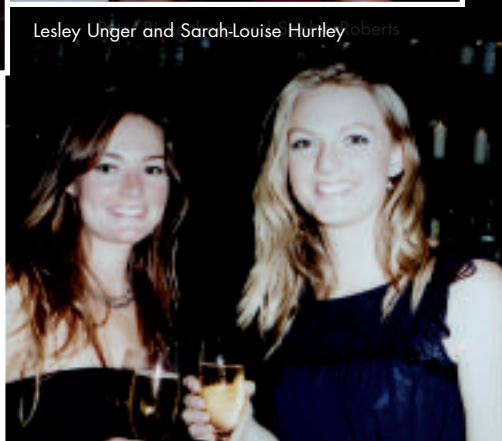
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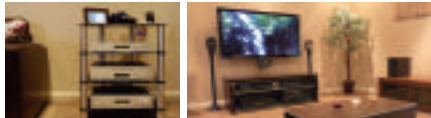
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**What do you enjoy most about your job at Leiths?** The interaction with students and teachers, who have a pure passion for food.



A picture of us on our bikes on holiday in the Ile de Ré with my cousin Martin

**Where were the last three places you went on holiday?** Ile de Ré in France, the west coast of Wales, and a very quick trip to Paris.

**What's your motto for life?** On my gravestone I'm going to have written 'Never knowingly under seasoned'.

**Name your desert island essentials.**

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**What's your greatest London extravagance?** The occasional breakfast at the Wolsey.

**What's your most memorable local meal?** I had a croque monsieur at the Electric that I can't stop thinking about. Not very glamorous I know.

**What would you cook for your last supper?** A huge platter of oysters, fresh seabass pulled out of the Dorset sea that day, with roasted cherry tomatoes and a chocolate soufflé for pudding. I'd also drink Champagne and lots of Chablis.



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## Camilla Schneideman, Managing Director of Leiths School of Food and Wine



**What or who do you miss when you're away from home?** A good cup of tea, taramasalata, the British seasons and my girlfriends.

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**What advice would you give someone who's visiting your area?** Take refuge in one of the Portuguese cafes on Golborne Road, the custard tarts are great



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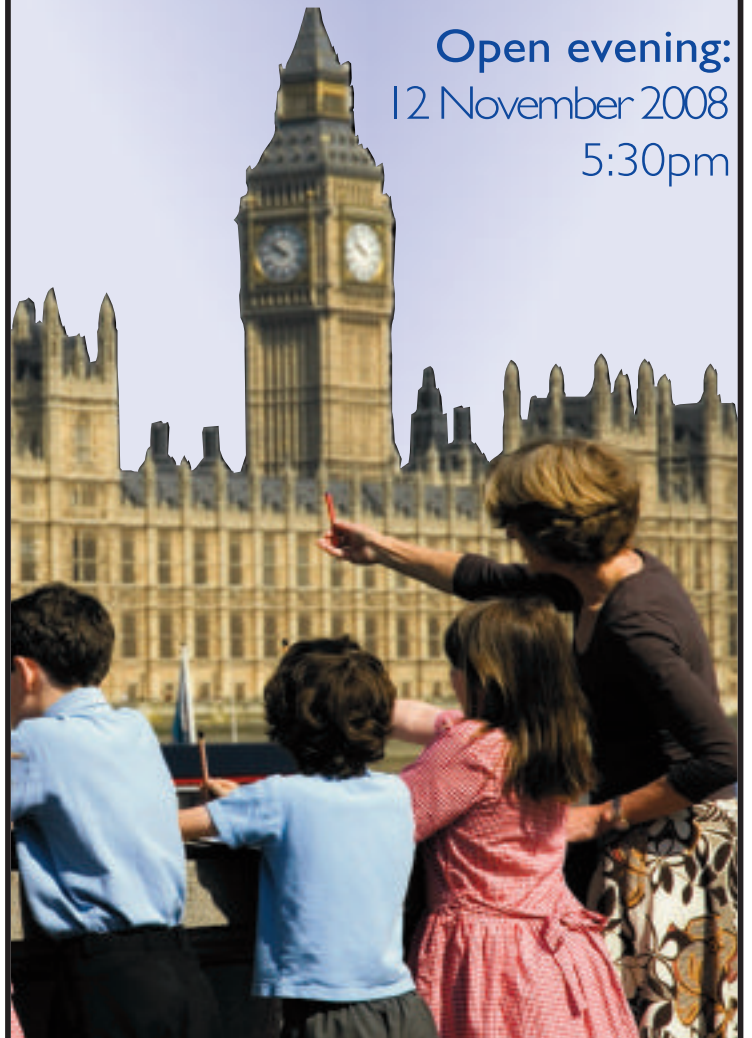
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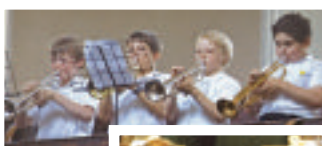
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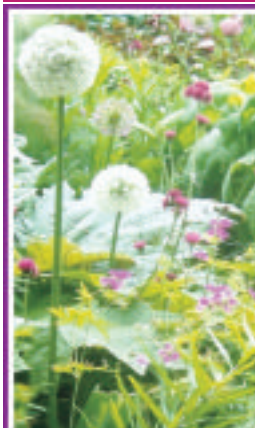
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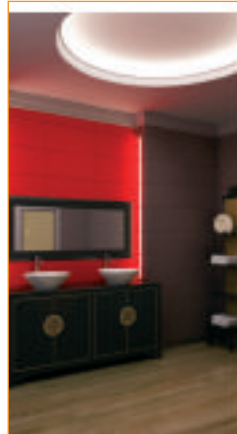
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The government responded shamefully late and inadequately with its September announcement of a one-year stamp-duty holiday for properties under £175,000 – a gesture that has already proved to have very little effect on the London market. Still the most glaring problem affecting the market is the lack of available credit. Personally, I don't believe the mortgage market will ever be quite the same again – and neither should we wish it to be – but until broader based lending has resumed and there is greater confidence in the economy, it's hard to see what will turn the market around.

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**The mortgage market will never be quite the same again – and neither should we wish it to be**



In amongst all this gloom, there are miniscule signs of hope. A recent RICS opinion survey highlighted tentative signs that "housing market activity may be nearing a floor". New buyer enquiries and agreed sales have improved recently, possibly reflecting a more realistic pricing environment. It should be noted, however, that these improvements are only marginal and all the indicators remain in negative territory.

Market behaviour both last month and now will be a key indicator of the shape of things to come at the end of the year. Will activity volume increase as people decide that this is the bottom of the market? Will there finally be any improvement to liquidity in the mortgage market? What direction will interest rates move in? These are difficult times, and as things continue to change on an almost daily basis we will, as ever, be monitoring the situation extremely closely.

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## Wetherby Gardens | London | SW5

2,593 sq ft (240.89 sq m)

A superb four bedroom maisonette which has been newly refurbished and benefits from direct access onto beautiful communal gardens.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | TV room | Kitchen/breakfast room | Four bedrooms |  
Three bath/shower rooms | Utility room | Terrace | Access to communal gardens

Asking price £3.95m Share of Freehold

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## Limerston Street | Chelsea | SW10

1,969 sq ft (182.92 sq m)

A stunning four bedroom low built house with a contemporary feel and a stylish interior.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Intercommunicating kitchen/dining and family room |  
Four bedrooms | Four bath/shower rooms | Garden | Terrace | Balcony

Asking price £2.95m Freehold

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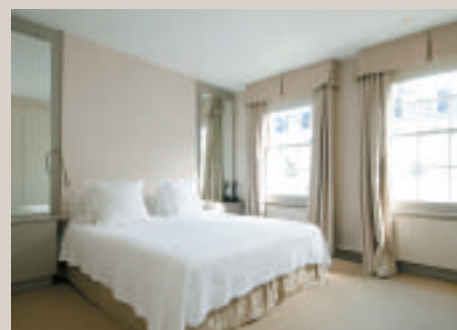
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## Haker Street | Chelsea | SW3

1,509 sq ft (140.19 sq m)

A charming, creatively designed three bedroom house, in immaculate condition, with a west-facing patio garden on this delightful street.

Drawing room | Intercommunicating kitchen, dining room and garden sitting room |  
Three bedrooms | Two bathrooms | Laundry area | Cloakroom | Garden

Asking price £2.65m Freehold

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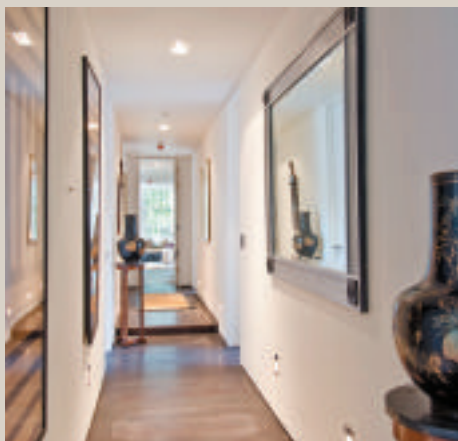
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## Eaton Mansions | Belgravia | SW1

2,705 sq ft (251.29 sq m)

One of two stunning, beautifully presented three bedroom lateral mansion flats perfectly positioned on the third floor of this period resident portered block.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Dining room | Study/library | Kitchen/breakfast room | Master bedroom with en suite bathroom and dressing room | Two further en suite bedrooms | Lift

Asking price £5,750,000 Leasehold

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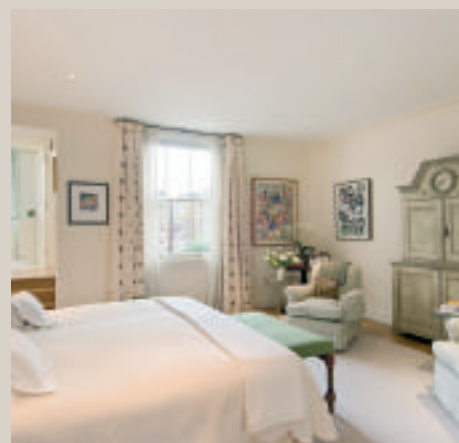
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## Eaton Place | Belgravia | SW1

3,272 sq ft (304 sq m)

This recently modernised triplex penthouse with direct lift access offers three reception rooms, four bedrooms and stunning views from two roof terraces.

Entrance hall | Reception room | Drawing room/library | Dining room | Kitchen | Four bedrooms | Four bathrooms | Utility room | Cloakroom | Two roof terraces

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### Clifton Place Chelsea | SW10

2,440 sq ft (226.68 sq m)

A well presented Freehold town house with terracing, garage and off-street parking, conveniently situated off the Fulham Road.

Entrance hall | Reception room |  
Dining room | Family room | Kitchen |  
Four bedrooms | Three bath/shower  
rooms | Garage | Wine cellar | Roof  
terrace

Asking price £2.4m  
Freehold

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### Campden Street Kensington | W8

1,303 sq ft (121.05 sq m)

A beautifully presented two bedroom south-facing Victorian house, with good entertaining space including a wonderful ground floor drawing room with doors opening onto a pretty garden.

Entrance hall | Drawing room |  
Kitchen/family room | Two  
bedrooms with en suite bathrooms |  
Cloakroom | Two vaults | Garden

Asking price £1.5m  
Freehold

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### Egerton Gardens | Knightsbridge | SW3

1,135 sq ft (105.44 sq m)

A contemporary two bedroom first floor flat that has been designed with stylish living in mind.

Reception room | Kitchen | Two bedrooms | Bathroom | Dressing room |  
Cloakroom/shower room | Caretaker | Lift | Access to communal gardens

Asking price £1.85m Leasehold

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### Rutland Gate | Knightsbridge | SW7

1,422 sq ft (132 sq m)

Modernised to an impeccably high standard this bright and contemporary three bedroom flat provides convenience and comfort by Hyde Park.

Entrance hall | Reception room | Kitchen/breakfast room | Three double  
bedrooms | Three bath/shower rooms | Dressing room | Cloakroom | Caretaker

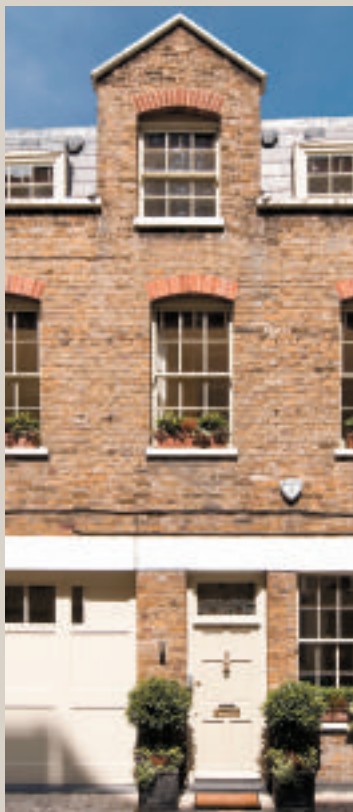
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### Hesper Mews London | SW5

1,518 sq ft (141 sq m)

A stunning, bright, beautifully presented, wide three storey mews house offering the benefit of excellent entertaining space and two generous double bedroom suites.

Drawing room | Sitting room | Dining room | Kitchen | Breakfast room | Two bedroom suites | Guest WC

Asking price £1,595,000  
Freehold

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### Cranley Place | South Kensington | SW7

2,095 sq ft (195 sq m)

A generously proportioned three double bedroom maisonette presented in excellent order with its own garden in this handsome stucco fronted building.

Drawing room | Family room | Kitchen/dining room | Three double bedrooms | Two bathrooms | Cloakroom | Garden

Asking price £2.5m Share of Freehold

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### Clabon Mews Knightsbridge | SW1

2,125 sq ft (197.41 sq m)

An exceptional three to four bedroom mews house which was virtually rebuilt in 2000. Offering natural light from three sides the house is beautifully presented with open-plan reception areas.

Drawing room | Dining room | Sitting room | Kitchen/breakfast room | Study/bedroom 4 | Three bedrooms | Three bath/shower rooms | Two dressing rooms

Asking price £3,875,000  
Freehold

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### Culford Gardens | Chelsea | SW3

1,623 sq ft (150.77 sq m)

A delightfully light and recently refurbished three bedroom maisonette with access to a private patio garden.

Entrance hall | Reception room | Kitchen/dining room | Three bedrooms | Two bath/shower rooms | Guest cloakroom | Private patio

Asking price £1.9m Leasehold

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## Bina Gardens | Chelsea | SW5

Furnished/unfurnished

A stunning split level maisonette finished to a very high standard and situated within a very short distance of the transport and amenities of South Kensington.

Double reception room | Kitchen/breakfast room | Master bedroom en suite | Two further double bedrooms en suite | Cloakroom | Roof terrace

£2,350 per week

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## Lexham Gardens | Kensington | W8

Unfurnished

This family house has been immaculately refurbished with incredible attention to detail and is quietly tucked away in a convenient location.

Three reception rooms | Five bedrooms | Three bathrooms (two en suite) | Cloakroom |  
Balcony | Roof terrace | Communal gardens

£4,750 per week

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## Eaton Terrace | Belgravia | SW1

Unfurnished

This excellent end of terrace house offers excellent entertaining space as well as secure off-street parking.

Reception room | Kitchen/dining room | Three bedrooms | Single bedroom/study | Three bath/shower rooms | Utility room | Patio garden | Garage

£2,750 per week

Knightsbridge

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## Betteridge Road | Fulham | SW6

Unfurnished

Newly refurbished, to an excellent standard, this family house is arranged over three floors with fully fitted eat-in kitchen, which leads to a pretty garden.

Double reception | Kitchen/dining room | Three double bedrooms | Fourth bedroom/study |  
Two bathrooms (one en suite) | Utility | Patio garden | Decked roof terrace

£1,050 per week

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## Douro Place | Kensington | W8

5,253 sq ft (488 sq m)

An exceptional six bedroom family house with good entertaining space, charming garden, off-street parking and a garage.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Family room | Kitchen/dining room | Six bedrooms | Six bath/  
shower rooms | Dressing room | Utility room | Two cloakrooms | Courtyard garden

Price on Application Freehold

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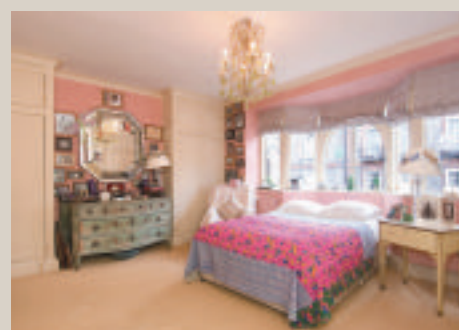
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## Mulberry Walk | Chelsea | SW3

4,632 sq ft (430 sq m)

An excellent 'Arts and Crafts' family house built in 1890, situated in a much sought-after location, just off the King's Road.

Drawing room | Dining room/study | Kitchen/breakfast room | Five bedrooms | Five bath/shower rooms | Staff bedroom suite | Cloakroom | Utility room | Rear garden

Offers in excess of £6.95m Freehold

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...Chelsea was originally known as the 'village of palaces' in the 17th Century, the only residents being those in palatial manor houses. Residents included Henry VIII, Sir Thomas More, Elizabeth I, the Duke of Monmouth and the Duke of Beaufort.



## The Little Boltons Chelsea SW10

An exceptional garden flat in this highly sought after location boasting a superb landscaped 60 ft private west facing garden. The property offers 2 large double bedrooms both with dressing room and ensuite bathrooms, kitchen and 2 large reception rooms.

£3,450,000

share of freehold

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## Albert Hall Mansions Kensington Gore SW7

A classic apartment situated on the 3rd floor of a prestigious Grade II Listed portered building beside the historic Royal Albert Hall. The apartment is a short walk from the beautiful open spaces of Kensington Gardens and is ideally located for both Knightsbridge and Kensington High Street with their wide choice of luxury shops and restaurants. The accommodation is well proportioned with high ceilings and features a double reception room, a well equipped kitchen, 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.

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£1,875,000

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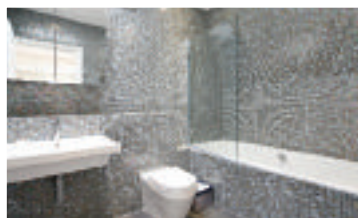
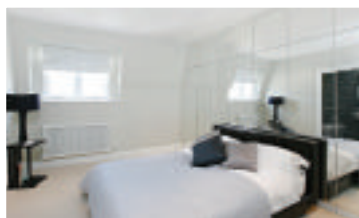
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## Dancer Road Parsons Green SW6

A selection of Victorian conversion flats, refurbished to an extremely high standard and located in this highly desirable location in Parsons Green.

- 1 bedroom ground floor garden flat £450,000
- 1 bedroom 1st floor flat £399,950
- 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom split level maisonette with roof terrace £750,000

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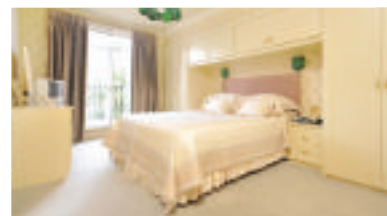
£399,950 to £750,000

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## Bessborough Gardens Pimlico SW1

A very well presented property arranged over 900 square feet of accommodation offering 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen and excellent storage. There is also an underground parking space. Bessborough Gardens is very sought after and offers 24 hr security and porters and is only a hundred yards from Pimlico underground station.

£725,000

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.....Peter Jones used to have a livestock department that sold among other things squirrels and flamingos



#### Fulham Park Road SW6

£1,800 per week

A superb family home in the popular Hurlingham area of Fulham. Ideally located the property is extremely spacious throughout. Newly decorated and plenty of original features.  
(Available now, unfurnished.)

Fulham

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#### Claridge Court SW6

£400 per week

This is a stunning flat with a double height ceiling and mezzanine level bedroom within a gated development benefiting from allocated parking. The property is full of character and has a modern hand crafted kitchen, modern bathroom, balcony and plenty of storage throughout. In immaculate condition throughout. (Available beginning of October, furnished.)

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#### Beaufort Street SW3

£975 per week

A stunning interior designed apartment benefiting from a reception room with 16 feet of folding sliding doors opening onto a decked patio which leads to a private garden. The apartment is situated in this elegant building close to all amenities of Chelsea.

(Available now, furnished.)

Chelsea

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#### Swan Court SW3

£850 per week

A well presented and bright, refurbished 4th floor apartment in this portered block with stylish furnishings, wood flooring and neutral décor. Ideally located seconds from the amenities of the Kings Road and within walking distance to various transport links.

(Available from the 1st October, furnished.)

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### Brompton Square SW3

£2,250 per week

A charming Georgian townhouse of c. 2750 sq. ft. arranged over 4 floors on this beautiful garden square with views of the Brompton Oratory. Double reception room, formal drawing room, conservatory, eat-in kitchen, 4 double bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, guest WC, sauna, patio garden, sun terrace and access to the square garden. *(Available now, unfurnished.)*

Knightsbridge & Belgravia

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### Ebury Street SW1

£1,800 per week

An impressive, newly refurbished apartment of c. 1,600 sq. ft. finished to a flawless standard in this portered block conveniently located close to Sloane Square. Reception room, dining area, kitchen, master bedroom (ensuite dressing room & bathroom), 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, guest WC, porter, parking and access to communal garden. *(Available now, unfurnished.)*

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### St. George's Square SW1

£850 per week

This stunning and immaculately presented 2 bedroom period conversion benefiting from fantastic entertaining and living space & views of St George's Square. The accommodation comprises a double reception room, newly converted separate kitchen, master bedroom suite, 2nd double bedroom & a separate bathroom. *(Available 27th September, furnished.)*

Westminster & Pimlico

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### Lupus Street SW1

£375 per week

A truly beautiful apartment that has been completely redesigned and refurbished to a high standard and comprises a contemporary bathroom, kitchen with new appliances, bright reception room, separate dining room and a bedroom with City views.

*(Available now, furnished.)*

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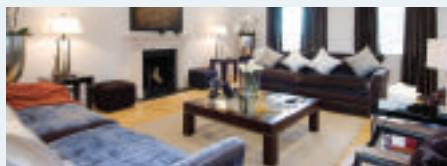
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### TAKE THREE.... OUR PICK OF THE BUNCH FROM THE SAVILLS PORTFOLIO THIS MONTH



#### Albert Hall Mansions, SW7

This newly refurbished lateral flat is situated on the eighth floor of a period mansion block situated adjacent to the Royal Albert Hall. Stylish and contemporary, the flat offers a master bedroom suite, five further bedroom suites, entrance hall, reception room, dining room, media room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and cloakroom.

Share of freehold, guide price £12.5m  
Savills, 020 7730 0822



#### Chiddingstone Street, SW6

This sophisticated, chic and immaculately presented 3,369sqft Lion House is situated at the heart of the prestigious Peterborough Estate, close to the excellent local shopping on New King's Road and underground at Parsons Green.

Accommodation comprises of: Master bedroom suite, four further double bedrooms (two en suite), family bathroom, sitting room, double reception room, kitchen/dining room, second kitchen/dining room and garden.

Guide price £3.25m, freehold.  
Savills, 020 7731 9400

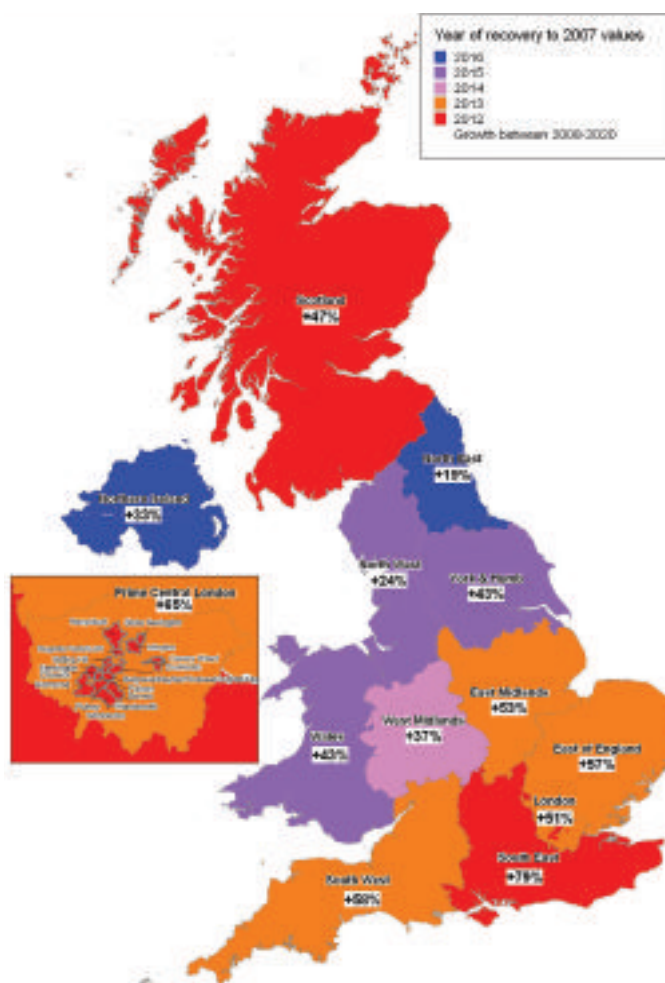


#### 404, The Knightsbridge, SW1

This Kelly Hoppen designed apartment is situated within a prestigious development in the heart of Knightsbridge. Features include 24-hour Hyatt-run concierge, gym, pool, business suite and valet parking.

Three bedrooms, three bathrooms, reception room, kitchen, balconies.

Furnished, £4,750 per week.  
Savills 020 7824 9005



### London set to lead market recovery

The number of transactions in the housing market is half the 2007 levels and the number of housing starts is likely to fall even further. Supply could therefore become constrained in many markets over the coming months. This means that when the market does bottom out, it may be difficult for investors to make acquisitions.

Savills Research has forecast not only the duration and size of the market downturn but also the shape and timing of recovery. Their recovery map (left) forecasts the year in which values will have returned to 2007 levels by UK Government region. It also shows the size of the subsequent house price growth that might be expected by 2020 by recording falls and subsequent rises.

Savills recovery map suggests that London and the South-East will lead the recovery whilst, in the North-East and Northern Ireland for example, any upturn will occur later and full recovery is unlikely until 2016.

Key findings include:

- By 2012 London and the South East values will have recovered to those pre-slump.
- Between 2008 and 2020 average growth in the London will be +51 per cent.

Yolande Barnes, director of Savills Research, comments: "This downturn is severe and will almost certainly last for at least another year. But it is has been caused by the withdrawal of credit, not the withdrawal of long-term demand or by diminished purchasing power amongst owner occupiers. It is this that will shape the recovery when it comes. Although the credit crisis has affected all sectors and regions more or less equally and simultaneously, we will see a very different pattern in the recovery. Canny investors will take this into account now".

### Focus on... Kensington

Thomas Holcroft of Savills Kensington, comments on the market:

"That there has been a correction in the property market is indisputable, but the Kensington and Notting Hill markets, with their significant number of residents who work in the financial sectors, were perhaps quicker to fall in line with the changing economic climate than other parts of central London. This has allowed a realistic market to evolve throughout 2008, although not at the same exceptional volumes of 2006/2007, it is remaining healthy.

"This is especially so with two distinct types of property: Firstly, the 'Lock-up and leave' properties. That is, properties which can be used as a pied à terre by international or investment purchasers. The most desirable are set in their own grounds in prime locations with features including portage, secure parking and security.

Secondly, apartments designed/refurbished to a market-leading finish often appeal as a 'trophy' purchase. This is precisely the case with a development we are currently marketing at 22a Craven Hill Gardens where, in spite of the credit crunch, the quality of product is attracting record breaking prices for a scheme of this type.

In short, if a property is realistically priced according to its merits, it should be well-received by the market and will most likely be snapped up by a discerning purchaser who is ahead of the competition."

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## Grosvenor Gardens, Belgravia SW1

A most appealing Grade II listed building of 4,704 sq ft (473 sq m) in this very central London location.

Currently used as offices, it could either be continued to be used as such, or modified to create a very appealing residence (subject to receipt of the usual consents).

125 years lease / freehold Guide Price £4.25 million

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## Well proportioned mews house in a private mews behind Chester Square

Ebury Mews East, SW1

drawing room ■ dining room ■ kitchen ■ utility ■ master bedroom suite ■ 2 further bedrooms ■ bathroom ■ office/bedroom 4 ■ roof terrace (subject to license) ■ garage ■ 183 sq m (1,970 sq ft)

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Guide Price £2.95 million Leasehold Approximately 122 years unexpired





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## The finest riverside residence in London?

Lower Mall, London, W6

A magnificent historic Grade II listed house ■ circa 1760 ■ providing in excess of 1,200 sq m (13,000 sq ft) of unrivalled accommodation ■ landscaped gardens ■ swimming pool ■ garages and private parking

7 reception rooms ■ kitchen/living room ■ 7/8 bedrooms ■ 5 bathrooms ■ bar/lounge ■ media room ■ games room ■ gym ■ sauna ■ swimming pool ■ extensive landscaped gardens ■ garages ■ studio ■ private parking

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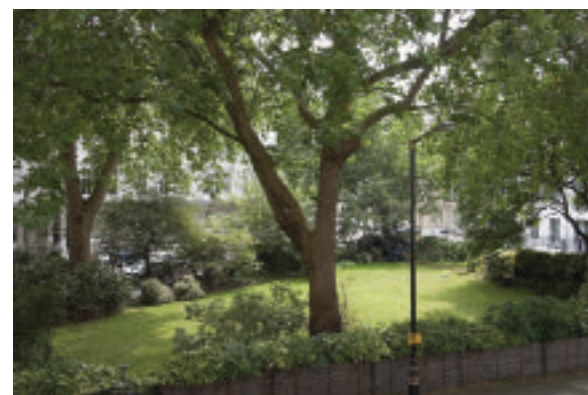
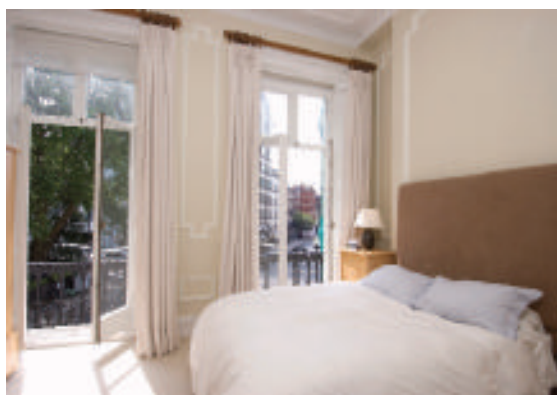
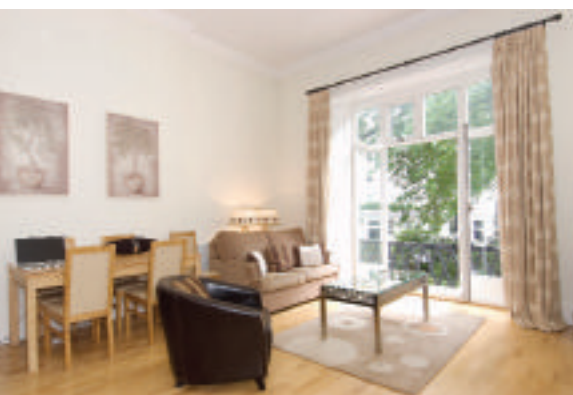
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## Freehold investment with the benefit of existing tenancies

Chesham Place, SW1

The accommodation is arranged over 6 floors with each floor comprising a separate flat ■ The building also benefits from a lift & there is potential for conversion to a single dwelling, subject to the receipt of the usual consents ■ 570 sq m (6,144 sq ft)

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Price on Application Freehold





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## Top floor flat with roof terrace in The Bromptons Rose Square, SW3

entrance hall ■ reception room ■ kitchen ■ 2 bedrooms ■ 2 en suite bathrooms ■ roof terrace ■ underground parking space ■ 24 hour concierge ■ residents' swimming pool and gym ■ 117 sq m (1,257 sq ft)

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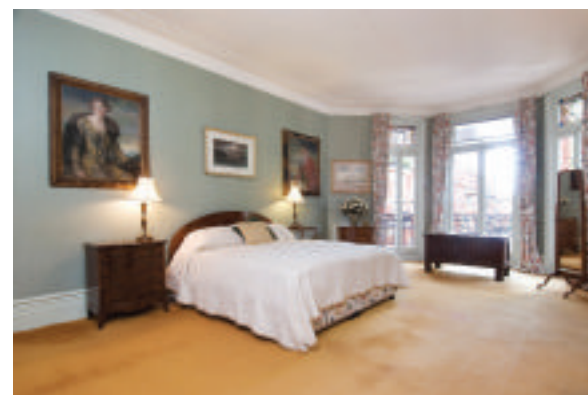
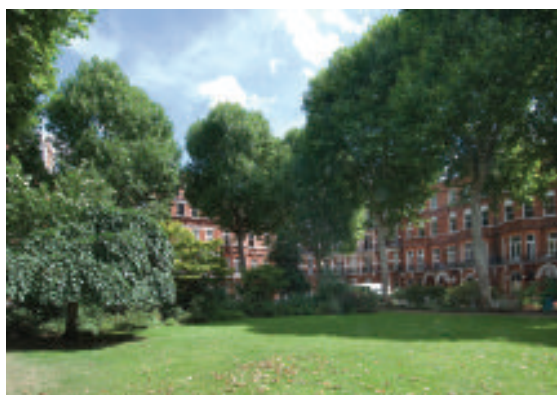
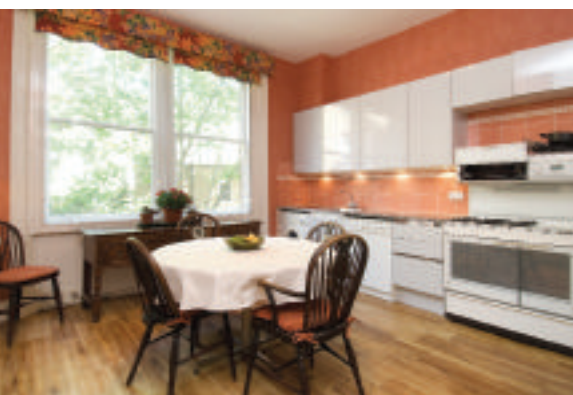
Guide Price £2.35 million Share of Freehold





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## Elegant mansion flat with fantastic communal garden views

Barkston Gardens, SW5

entrance hall ■ drawing room ■ kitchen/breakfast room ■ 2 double bedrooms ■ bathroom ■ guest cloakroom ■ balcony (demise tbc) ■ porter ■ lift ■ access to communal gardens ■ 161 sq m (1,730 sq ft)

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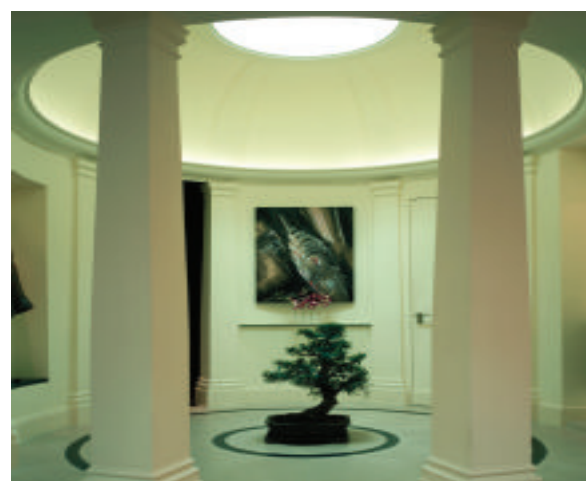
Guide Price £1.8 million





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## Stunning Knightsbridge town house

Hasting House, SW3

entrance hall ■ drawing room ■ cloakroom ■ dining/reception room ■ kitchen/breakfast room ■  
master bedroom suite with large bedroom ■ dressing room and bath/shower room ■  
2 further bedrooms ■ further bathroom ■ further shower room ■ courtyard ■ roof garden ■  
33 ft swimming pool with sitting area ■ bar ■ shower ■ wc ■ steam room

Price on Application Freehold

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## Low built house located in Belgravia

South Eaton Place, SW1

entrance hall ■ 3 reception rooms ■ 6 bedrooms ■ 2 bathrooms/shower rooms ■ 2 fitted kitchens ■ utility room ■ parking

lower ground floor ■ kitchen ■ cloakroom/wc ■ 5 offices/store rooms ■ workshop ■ integral garage ■ boiler room ■ 420 sq m (4,522 sq ft)

**Price on Application Leasehold**

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## Exquisitely refurbished mews house with generous natural light

Eaton Mews North, SW1

reception/dining room ■ kitchen ■ first floor drawing room ■ media room/gym ■ master bedroom with en suite bathroom ■ 2 further bedrooms ■ bedroom4/study ■ 3 shower rooms (en suite) ■ laundry room ■ garage ■ off street parking for 2 cars ■ 254 sq m (2,735 sq ft)

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Price on Application Freehold





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## Beautifully presented Lion house

Chiddingstone Street, SW6

double reception room ■ kitchen/dining room ■ media room ■ master bedroom suite ■ 3 further double bedrooms ■ bathroom ■ shower room ■ cloakroom ■ utility room ■ south west facing garden ■  
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## Moments from Park Lane

Curzon Square, W1

double aspect reception room ■ 2 double bedrooms ■ 2 bathrooms ■ eat-in kitchen ■ utility room ■ parking space ■ porter

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**£1,650 per week**

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## Stylish Mayfair living

Curzon Square, W1

double reception/dining room ■ 2 bedrooms ■ 2 bathrooms ■ kitchen ■ parking space ■ porter

**Furnished**

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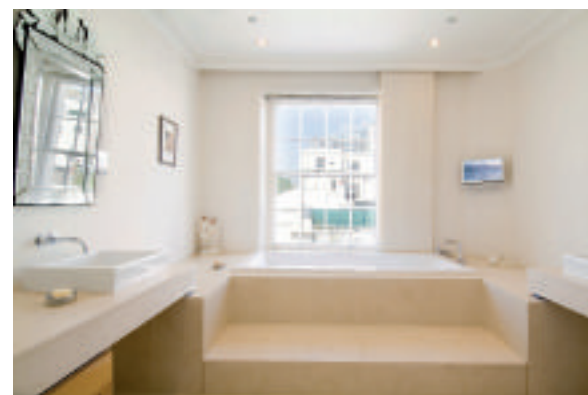






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## Superb six bedroom family house with garage

Chester Square, SW1

drawing room ■ dining room ■ anteroom ■ media room ■ kitchen/breakfast room ■ principal bedroom with en suite bathroom ■ 4 further bedrooms ■ 4 further bathrooms (2 en suite) ■ staff bedroom with en suite shower room ■ 2 guest cloakrooms ■ laundry ■ garage ■ roof terrace ■ access to communal gardens

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## CHAPEL STREET, SW1

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- Drawing Room
- Dining Room
- Poggenpohl Kitchen
- Study
- Master Bedroom Ensuite
- 4 Further Bedrooms
- Bedroom 5/Reception Room
- 2 Further Bathrooms
- Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Terrace • Patio • CCTV
- Wired For Sound & Visual

**PRICE** £5,250,000

**TENURE** Freehold

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## PONT STREET, SW1

Refurbished Knightsbridge  
Apartment

- Entrance Hall
- Drawing Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- High Ceilings
- Abundance Of Natural Light
- Central Knightsbridge  
Location

**GUIDE PRICE** £995,000

**TENURE** Approximately 70  
years unexpired

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# Property of the month



**Paultons Square, Chelsea SW3**

**Price on application**

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### NEW OFFICE OPENS

Knight Frank opened a new sales and lettings office in Fulham recently. The office, on the New King's Road, is the 15th Knight Frank London residential office and the second to open this year following the launch of Belgravia in May.

Knight Frank has appointed Anne Soutry as head of the new office, Anne joins from John D Wood, Fulham, where she had been managing the office since 2003. Soutry commented: "As a resident of Fulham I can personally vouch for the pleasure there is in living in an area where there is still a 'village' atmosphere. I am very much looking forward to opening the Knight Frank office in the heart of this area." Dick Ford, head of London Residential added: "The opening in Fulham fills an obvious gap in our network across London and we are delighted to have attracted Anne to join us."

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### Cadogan Street, SW3

This beautifully refurbished character house has been almost entirely rebuilt. Using classic craftsmanship to create a bespoke contemporary design, luxury materials such as macassar ebony, walnut, shagreen, limestone, black granite and high-end kitchen appliances give the property a unique finish. The space has a relaxed, family feel, however – with a family room and open-plan kitchen with bi-fold doors onto a terrace for entertaining – complete with a specially commissioned water feature and planting scheme created by an award-winning Chelsea floral designer.

Accommodation comprises: drawing room, kitchen/dining room, media/family room, master bedroom with en suite and dressing area, three further bedrooms – all en suite, laundry room, terraces.

**£4.5m, freehold. Knight Frank**  
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### Limerston Street, SW10

This beautifully presented four-bedroom house that has excellent living space set over two floors and western views down Gertrude Street. At the rear there is a good size, secluded patio garden, a double reception room on the ground floor and two floor-to-ceiling windows in the master bedroom. An all-round great property.

Accommodation includes: Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, three further bedrooms, bathroom, double reception room, kitchen/family room, utility room, cloakroom, balcony, garden.

**£2.495m, freehold. Knight Frank**  
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### Cheyne Row, SW3

The huge picture windows and strong earthy palette of this former fire station in the heart of Old Chelsea make it one of the most stylish houses around. Having been completely refurbished by Coll Hill Spink in 2002, the house has been maintained to the very highest of standards. There are two fabulous living areas – one of which has opened up the whole of the first floor, three bedrooms, three bathrooms (one en suite) and a beautifully appointed decked garden at the rear.

**Freehold, £3.5m. Knight Frank**  
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### Douro Place, W8

Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac within the De Vere Conservation Area, lies this wonderful and unique residence which occupies approximately 5,253sqft.

This newly refurbished house is unusually wide and provides a level of comfort and cutting-edge design that is difficult to find in the surrounding Victorian houses.

The accommodation offers a comprehensive master bedroom suite comprising of an en-suite bathroom, a separate shower room and a dressing room. Five further bedrooms and four further bathrooms. There is a fantastic reception room on the ground floor, a spectacular kitchen/dining room leading onto a courtyard garden as well as superb ancillary accommodation which is connected to the house via a covered walkway. There is also an integral garage and off-street parking for two cars.

**£12.5m freehold. Knight Frank, 020 7938 4311**

### Lexham Gardens, W8

This wonderful 3,100sqft maisonette is arranged over three floors with grand entertaining rooms and a large south-facing garden. The property includes a self-contained flat with its own entrance and inter-connecting doors with the rest of the property, therefore providing flexible accommodation which would be ideal for both large and small families.

**£3.35m, 125 year leasehold, Knight Frank 020 79384311**





# Moore Park Road

## Fulham SW6

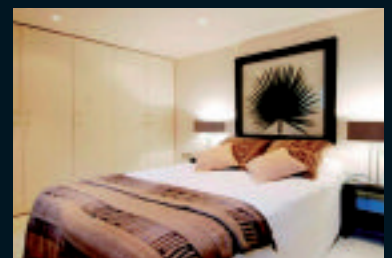
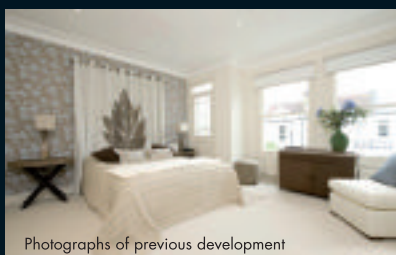
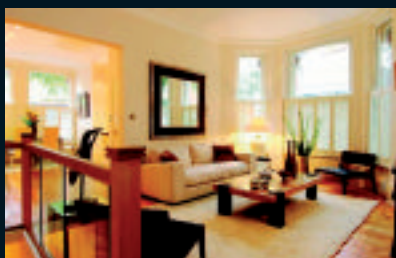


### Bespoke style with garage

A chance to create a contemporary design within a period house with planning permission to extend to over 3,200sq.ft. Proposed layout: 5/6 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, media room, kitchen/dining room, 35ft south-facing garden, roof terrace and garage. Approximately 311sq.m (3,346sq.ft) including garage.

Freehold house and leasehold garage

Guide price: £3,000,000



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## Stevenage Road, Fulham SW6

Park life!

A lovely Victorian family home arranged over 4 floors that has been recently redecorated, benefiting from well balanced accommodation and a large garden. 6 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, cellar, cloakroom, storage room, garden, balcony. Approximately 307sq.m (3,305sq.ft).

Freehold

Guide price: £2,700,000

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## Headfort Place, Belgravia SW1

Sophisticated contemporary style

A newly renovated and reconfigured house, set behind a traditional facade, incorporating the latest in audio visual and lighting systems, as well as air conditioning. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, 3 further bedrooms, 2 shower rooms, reception room, kitchen/breakfast room with living area, staff room, guest cloakroom, storage, terrace. Approximately 224sq.m (2,420sq.ft).

Freehold

**Guide price: £5,000,000**

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## Eaton Place, Belgravia SW1

### Grand entertaining

A raised ground and lower ground floor apartment with well proportioned entertaining space. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, 2 further bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, drawing room, reception hall, kitchen, guest cloakroom, patio. Approximately 224sq.m (2,416sq.ft).

Leasehold: 28 years approximately

**Guide price: £2,750,000**

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## Warwick Square, Pimlico SW1

### Classic lateral apartment

A spacious and flexible apartment overlooking the square gardens. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, bedroom 2, bedroom 3/dining room, shower room, 2 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, guest cloakroom, lift, communal gardens. Approximately 184sq.m (1,981sq.ft).

Share of freehold

**Guide price: £2,450,000**

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## Old Church Street, Chelsea SW3

Family house with garage

A stunning freehold house. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, bedroom 2 with shower room en suite, 2/3 further double bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, reception room, kitchen/dining room, cloakroom, front and rear gardens, garage. Approximately 230sq.m (2,481sq.ft).

Freehold

**Price: £3,650,000**

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## Limerston Street, Chelsea SW10

Beautiful house with  
garden

A beautifully presented four bedroom house. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, 3 further bedrooms, bathroom, double reception room, kitchen/family room, utility room, cloakroom, audio/visual system, balcony, garden. Approximately 182sq.m (1,959sq.ft).

Freehold

**Price: £2,495,000**

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## Drayton Gardens, Chelsea SW10

### Large first floor flat

A spacious family flat with high ceilings. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, bedroom 2 with shower room en suite, 2/3 further bedrooms, shower room, reception room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, entrance hall, cloakroom, 6 balconies, lift, caretaker, Approximately 229sq.m (2,468sq.ft).

Share of freehold

**Price: £2,950,000**

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## Ensor Mews, South Kensington SW7

### Renovated mews with garage

This is a beautifully designed, light mews house. Master bedroom with shower room en suite, bedroom 2, bathroom, large reception room, kitchen/dining/sitting room, cloakroom, utility room, garage, Approximately 192sq.m (2,074sq.ft).

Freehold

**Price: £2,500,000**

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## Cadogan Gardens, Chelsea SW3

Perfect proportions

A spacious maisonette located in a prime position. Master bedroom suite, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom 2, shower room, reception room, kitchen, media room, air conditioning to all principal rooms, resident caretaker, access to communal gardens by separate arrangement. Approximately 186sq.m (2,010sq.ft).

Leasehold: 67 years approximately

Guide price: £2,950,000

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## First Street, Chelsea SW3

Join the queue

A delightful freehold house ideally located in the heart of prime Chelsea close to Sloane Square. Master bedroom with en suite bathroom, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen/dining room, reception room, guest cloakroom, patio garden. Approximately 134sq.m (1,450sq.ft).

Freehold

Guide price: £2,250,000

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## Ormonde Gate, Chelsea SW3

### Classic Chelsea views

An upper floor maisonette presented in immaculate condition with fantastic views. Master bedroom, master bathroom, bedroom 2, bathroom 2, reception room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, balcony, direct lift access to both floors, communal garden access by separate arrangement. Approximately 146sq.m (1,582sq.ft).

Share of freehold

**Guide price: £2,450,000**

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## Lennox Gardens, Knightsbridge SW1

### Excellent for entertaining

A top floor apartment presented in excellent condition throughout. Master bedroom suite, bedroom 2, shower room, reception room, dining area, kitchen, storage room, terrace, direct lift access, access to communal gardens by separate arrangement. Approximately 132sq.m (1,426sq.ft).

Leasehold: 999 years

**Guide price: £2,450,000**

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ST LUKES STREET, SW3

This charming three bedroom Chelsea house has been beautifully refurbished and interior designed to an exceptionally high standard. An excellently equipped kitchen/dining room leads onto a beautifully secluded garden.

£1600 per week

Unfurnished



ALBERT MEWS, W8

Superb two bedroom newly refurbished mews house which is presented in immaculate order and has additional bedroom/studio room/ garage. The property is neutrally decorated and located in a quiet mews close to Gloucester Road and Kensington Gardens. Finished to a high standard and offering excellent storage, highly recommended.

£650 per week

Unfurnished



ELGIN CRESCENT, W11

Fabulous six bedroom wider than average family house situated in this popular location. The house has wonderful entertaining rooms with a good size double reception and a large kitchen/dining/family room. To the rear of the house is a south facing garden which leads directly onto the much sought after communal gardens. The property has two off street parking spaces and is wider than most as it is end of terrace.

£5,500 per week

Furn/Unfurn/Part



BURTON COURT, FRANKLINS ROW, SW3

Spacious three bedroom fifth floor apartment (with lift and porter) enjoying far reaching Chelsea views. The accommodation comprises entrance hall leading to a spacious reception room; dining room; kitchen; master bedroom with dressing room and en suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, bathroom, guest cloakroom, utility room. Access to communal gardens.

£1900 per week  
£3,250,000Unfurnished  
Share of Freehold 1851 sq ft



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## CHELSEA PARK GARDENS, SW3

A family house offering excellent entertaining space and a secluded rear garden. Double reception room with wooden floors, fireplace and eat-in kitchen. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, garden. **Unfurnished £2,350 per week**

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## CRANLEY GARDENS, SW7

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## LOTS ROAD, SW10

A family house with river views and a terrace. 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, study/TV room. **Unfurnished £1,250 per week**

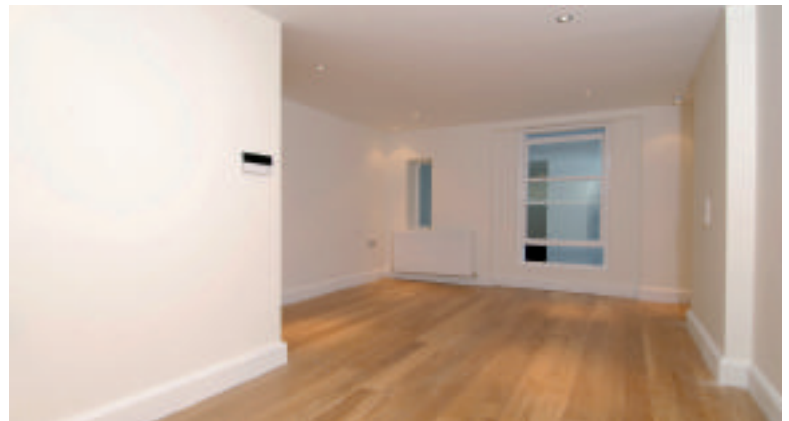
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## AUBREY ROAD, W8

Interior-designed house in superb location next to Holland Park. The property features a home cinema system and a private landscaped garden with water feature. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room, off-street parking. **Furnished £2,450 per week**

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## MONMOUTH ROAD, W2

A newly renovated flat in this well presented building in Notting Hill Gate. Situated within close proximity to fashionable Westbourne Grove with its bars, restaurants and designer boutiques. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room. **Unfurnished £725 per week**

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## PORTOBELLO ROAD, W11

A newly refurbished flat in this period property at the Notting Hill Gate end of Portobello Road. Wooden floors throughout, neutrally decorated and benefiting from a decked roof terrace. Bedroom, bathroom, reception room. **Furnished £550 per week**

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## BARKSTON GARDENS, SW5

An elegant 1<sup>st</sup> floor apartment with views of the communal gardens. The property offers high ceilings, spacious entertaining room and private balcony.

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Furnished/Unfurnished £995 per week



## HARRINGTON GARDENS, SW7

A charming period house with well arranged family accommodation and excellent entertaining space.

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en suite), 2 reception rooms, double drawing room, study, kitchen/breakfast room.

Furnished/Unfurnished £900 per week



## WETHERBY MANSIONS, SW5

A spacious 3<sup>rd</sup> floor flat with high ceilings and wooden floors in a garden square close to Earls Court Underground Station.

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

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## EATON TERRACE, SW1

Recently refurbished spacious Victorian end-of-terrace house with wooden floors and close to Sloane Square.

4 double bedrooms, 3 en suite bathrooms, 3 reception rooms.

Unfurnished £2,950 per week



## MORETON TERRACE, SW1

Distinctive, newly decorated terraced house with a laterally arranged 1<sup>st</sup> floor drawing room.

4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 3 reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, patio.

Unfurnished £1,650 per week



## CHELSEA GATE APARTMENTS, SW1

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## CAMBRIDGE STREET, SW1

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- Two bathrooms
- Newly refurbished

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- Wood flooring
- Lower ground floor
- Gloucester Road Underground



Courtfield Gardens, SW5  
Newly refurbished two bedroom flat  
near Gloucester Road

£1,295,000 Share of Freehold

- Two bedrooms
- Living room and study
- Limestone tiled bathroom

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- Wood floors
- Lower ground floor
- Gloucester Road Underground



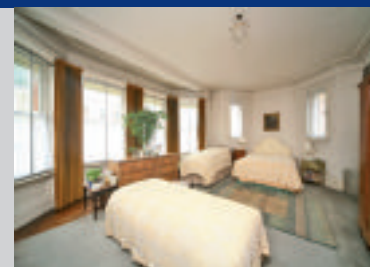
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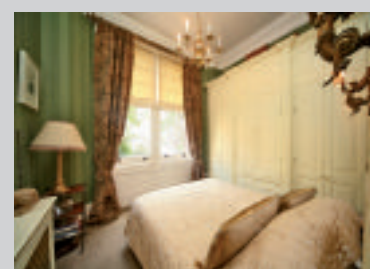
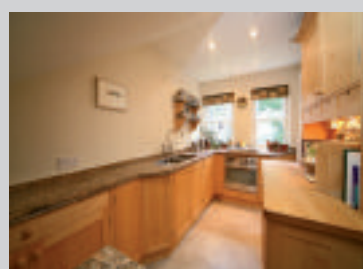
## Nevern Mansions, SW5

Spacious two bedroom mansion flat with original features in Earls Court

£850,000 Share of freehold

- Two double bedrooms
- Original cornicing in every room
- Separate kitchen
- High ceilings
- Second floor
- Earls Court Underground

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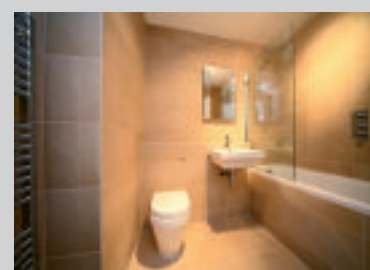
## Rosary Gardens, SW7

One bed raised ground floor flat with garden in South Kensington

£675,000 Share of freehold

- One bedroom
- Living room with high ceilings and fireplace
- Separate kitchen
- Raised ground floor
- Private garden
- Gloucester Road Underground

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## Eardley Crescent, SW5

Refurbished two bed flat on tree lined crescent in Earls Court

£575,000 Leasehold

- Two bedrooms
- Living room with solid wood floors
- Semi open plan kitchen
- Two bathrooms (one en suite)
- Conservatory and garden
- Earls Court Underground

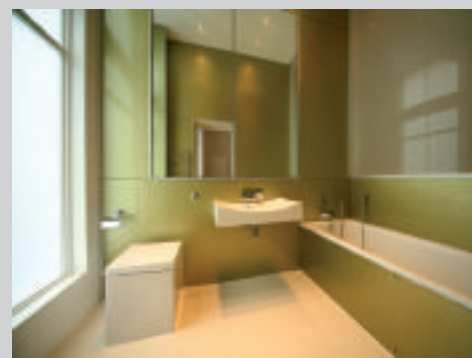
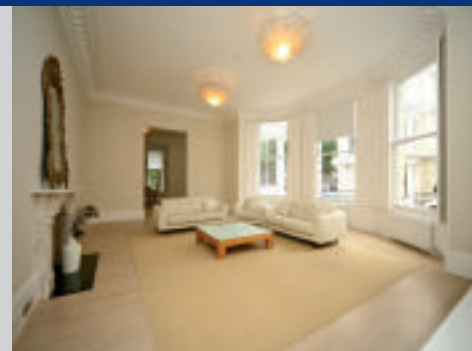
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**Queens Gate Mews, SW7**  
Interior designed four bedroom mews house  
with terrace near park off Gloucester Road

£2,800 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Four double bedrooms
- Three bathrooms
- Arranged over three floors

- Private roof terrace
- Private parking space
- Gloucester Road Underground

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**Cornwall Gardens, SW7**  
Two bedroom flat with access to communal  
gardens in South Kensington

£1,300 p/w Furnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Wood floors
- Two bathrooms

- Fourth floor, lift
- Communal gardens
- Gloucester Road Underground

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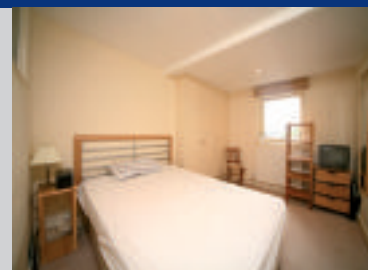
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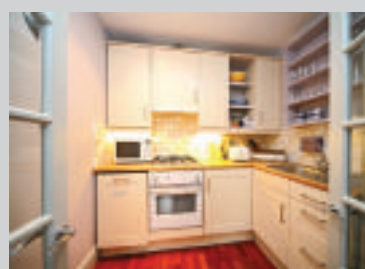
### Beaufort Street, SW3

Three double bedroom duplex with private terrace just off Fulham Road in Chelsea

£825 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

- Three double bedrooms
- Three bathrooms
- Second and third floors
- Separate kitchen
- Large living/dining
- Gloucester Road Underground

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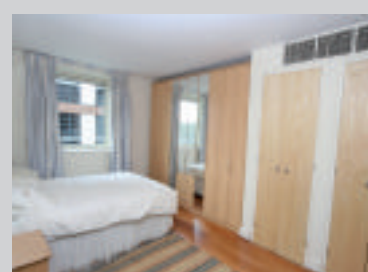
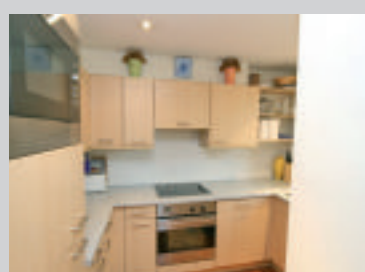
### Elvaston Place, SW7

Two double bedroom flat off Gloucester Road near Kensington Gardens

£795p/w Furnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Wood floors
- Semi open plan kitchen
- Two bathrooms
- Second floor of conversion
- Gloucester Road Underground

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### Buckingham Place Road, SW1W

Two double bedroom flat in portered block near Pimlico Road and Sloane Square

£550 p/w Furnished

- Two double bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Third Floor, lift
- Portered building/on-site gym
- Separate kitchen
- Sloane Square Underground

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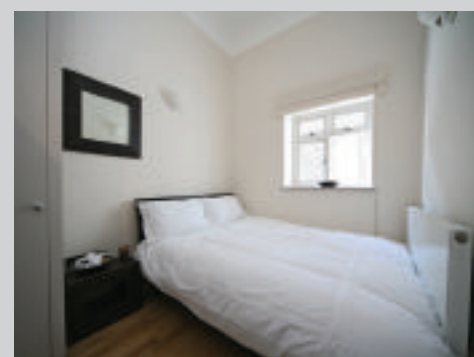


Penywern Road, SW5  
Two double bedroom flat within  
conversion in Earls Court

£495 p/w Furnished  
– Two double bedrooms  
– Limestone bathroom  
– Second floor

– Wood floors  
– South facing living room  
– Earls Court Underground

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Queens Gate, SW7  
Refurbished one bedroom first floor flat  
close to park and Gloucester Road

£400 p/w Furnished  
– One double bedroom  
– Wood floors throughout  
– Open plan kitchen

– Limestone tiled bathroom  
– First floor of conversion  
– Gloucester Road Underground

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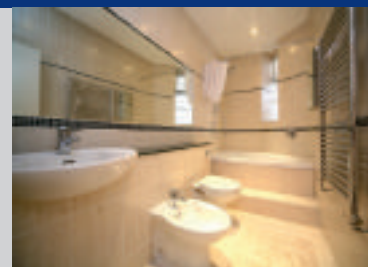
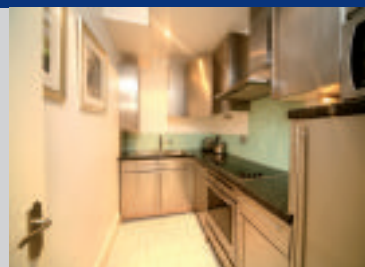
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### The Vale, SW3

One bedroom duplex just off Kings Road, Chelsea

£475 p/w Furnished

- One double bedroom
- Ground and lower ground floors
- Separate kitchen
- Wood floors
- Excellent storage throughout
- Gloucester Road Underground

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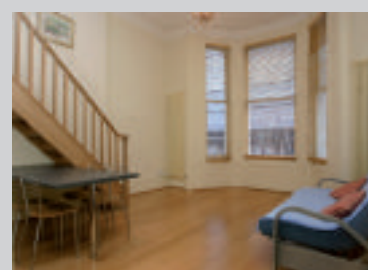
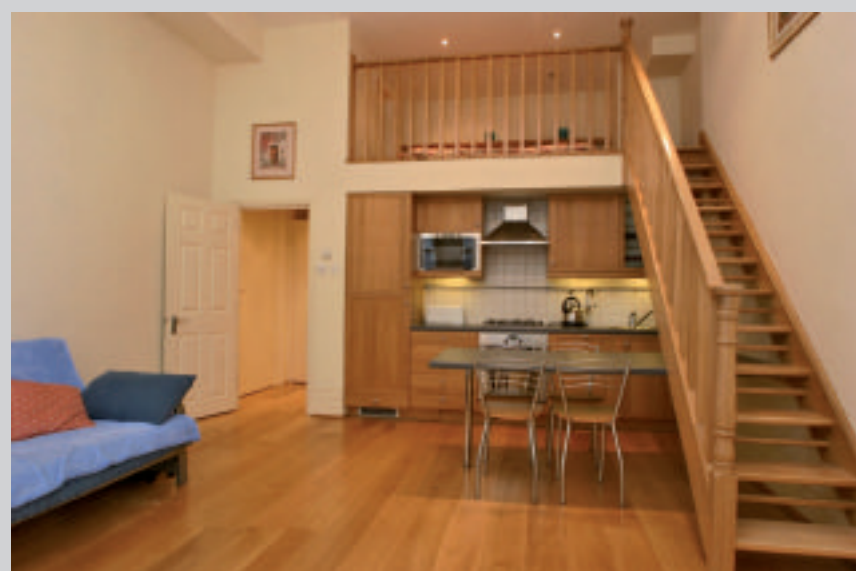
### Cromwell Road, SW5

One bedroom flat between Gloucester Road and Earls Court

£395 p/w Furnished

- One double bedroom
- Open plan kitchen
- Wood floors throughout
- Plenty of room for dining
- Lower ground floor
- Gloucester Road Underground

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### Nevern Place, SW5

Raised ground floor studio flat just off Earls Court Road

£350 p/w Furnished

- Large studio flat
- Raised ground floor
- Wood floors throughout
- Separate sleeping area
- Open plan kitchen
- Earls Court Underground

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## Montpelier Walk SW7

“A charming, well presented freehold period cottage (built circa 1820) of approximately 129 sq m / 1,389 sq ft, situated in this quiet lane in “Knightsbridge Village” within easy walk of Harrods and Hyde Park. Set back from the pavement behind a small front garden with a walled patio to the rear, the property has been well decorated and thoughtfully modernised throughout.”

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms and shower room en-suite
- Drawing room
- Kitchen / dining room
- Small front and rear patio gardens and a rear roof terrace

**Freehold, guide Price £2,250,000**

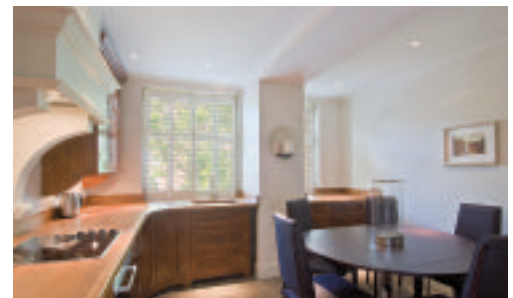
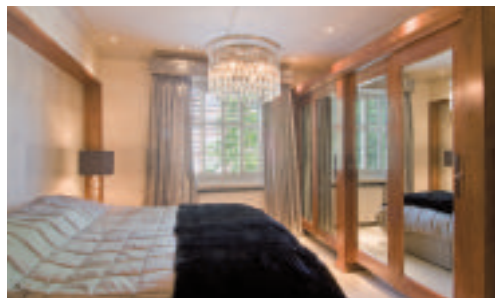
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## Onslow Square SW7

“A superb second floor lateral flat which has under gone a comprehensive refurbishment to create an exquisite home. The flat is situated on the favoured North side of this smart terrace with views over the well kept communal gardens.”

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 En-suite shower rooms
- Bathroom
- Drawing room
- Chalon bespoke kitchen and breakfast room
- Basement store room
- Lift
- Resident caretaker
- Use of communal gardens and tennis court by separate arrangement.

**Leasehold 93 years, guide Price £2,950,000**

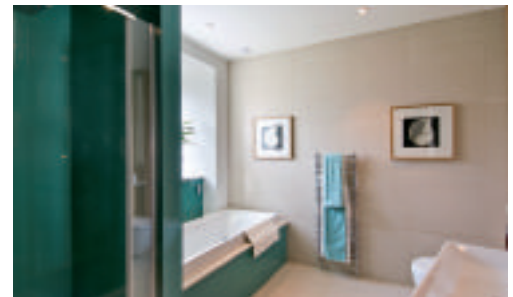
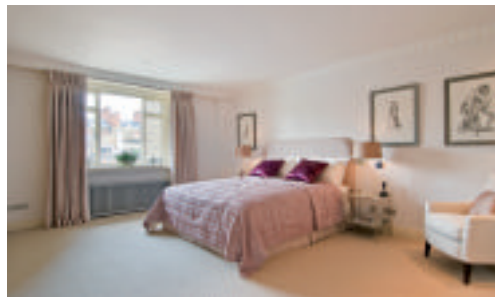
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## Lennox Gardens SW1

“An exquisite, newly refurbished top floor maisonette situated within one of the premier squares in Knightsbridge and offering attractive views over the square gardens. The property consists of master bedroom with ensuite bathroom and dressing area, second bedroom with ensuite shower room, third double bedroom, one single bedroom / study, cloakroom with shower, huge reception room, dining room and a fully fitted kitchen. The property receives an abundance of natural light and is located in a prime position with magnificent boutiques, restaurants and other excellent amenities only moments away.”

- Four bedrooms
- One bathroom
- Two shower rooms
- Reception room
- Dining room
- Fully fitted kitchen

**£3,250 per week, four bedrooms, furnished, ref 'infowae34'**

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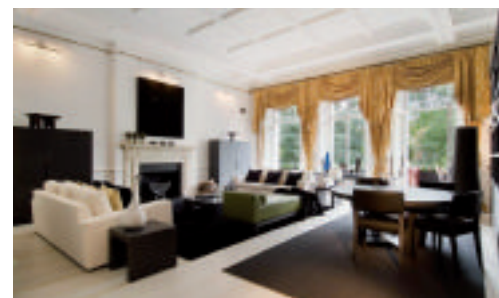
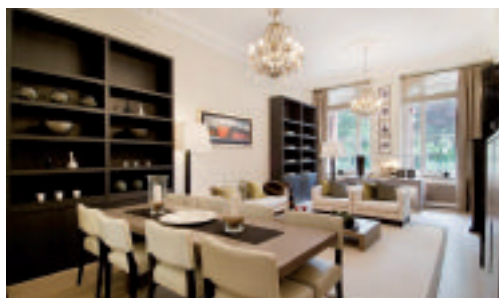
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## Cadogan Square SW1

“A selection of newly refurbished flats available now in the heart of Knightsbridge. The properties range from one bedroom flats to five bedroom triplex apartments. All properties are finished to the highest of standards and will appeal to the most discerning of Tenants. Cadogan Square is ideally located for Sloane Square and its many shops, restaurants and transport facilities.”

- One to Five Bedrooms
- One to Three Reception Rooms
- Balcony
- One to Five Bathrooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchens
- Caretaker

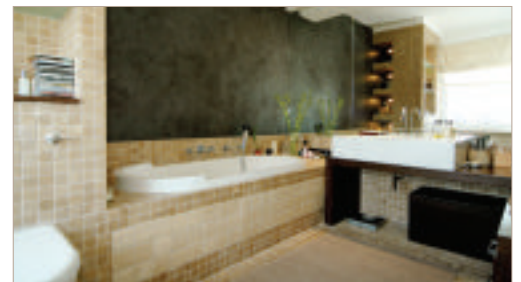
**£1,250 - £10,000 per week, one bedroom - five bedrooms, furnished / unfurnished, ref 'infowae41'**

For more information on the property featured, call me, Charlie Woods on 020 7306 1630 or email me at [cwoods@waellis.co.uk](mailto:cwoods@waellis.co.uk)

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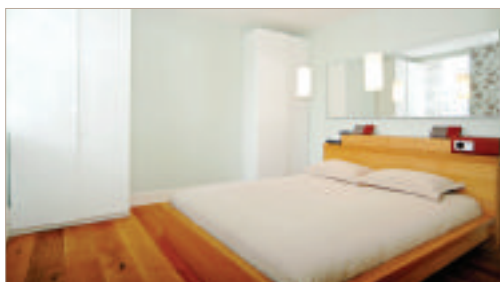
## Campden Hill Court, W8

A beautifully presented three bedroom lateral flat boasting contemporary styling and modern fixtures. Available furnished or unfurnished. Situated close to High Street Kensington.

- Double reception
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms
- 24 Hour Security
- Porter
- Lift

£2695.00 per week





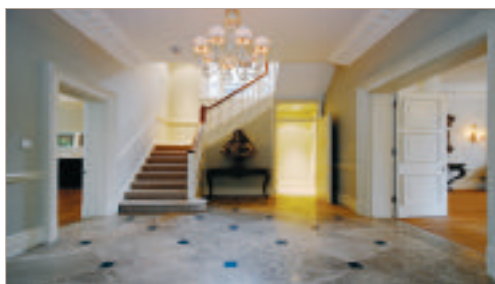
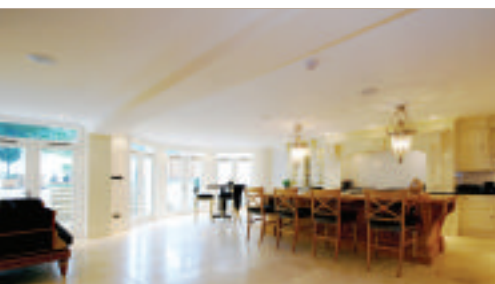
## Eccleston Square, SW1V

Exceptional one bed apartment on Eccleston Square, interior designed and boasting stylish decor, oak wood floors, modern kitchen/diner, decked terrace and use of beautiful communal gardens.

- Sought after location
- Stylish décor
- Wood floors
- Kitchen/Diner
- Terrace
- Attic space
- Communal gardens

£650.00 per week





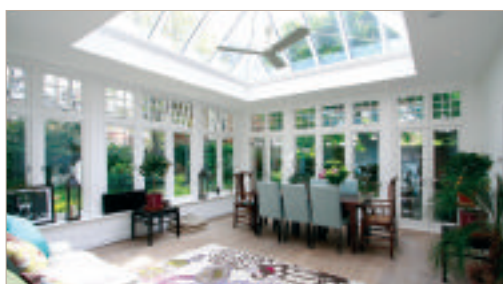
## Clapham Common South Side, SW4

A truly exceptional 8,921 sq ft family house with uninterrupted and far reaching views across Clapham Common. Featuring some of the most generously proportioned rooms the area can provide, 30'5 x 27' drawing room, eight bedrooms, five bathrooms, library, family room, dining room, utility room, wine cellar, 30' x 26'9 kitchen/breakfast room, ample storage, off-street parking. Coach house also available by separate negotiation.

- 30'5 x 27' drawing room
- 5 bathrooms
- 30' x 26'9 kitchen/breakfast room
- 8 bedrooms
- Garden
- Parking for 2 cars

Asking Price £4,750,000  
Freehold  
JSA Savills





## Albert Bridge Road, London, SW11

Dunraven House represents one of the most elegant and significant detached houses in North Battersea. It is set in the middle of its gated grounds with off-street parking and a lovely garden. Completely refurbished over the last two years the house is finished to an exceptional standard with meticulous attention to detail.

- 3 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Conservatory,
- Playroom
- 6 Bedrooms
- 3 Bathrooms (2 En-Suite)
- 2 En-Suite Shower Rooms

Asking Price £6,250,000  
Freehold  
JSA John D Wood



# Kensington sales directory

## STRUTT & PARKER

**Head of sales:** Rupert Wiggin

**Head of lettings:** Nina Younger

**Company profile:** A privately-owned, well-respected firm that only employs hard-working and enthusiastic people.

**Typical property:** Anything from a one-bedroom flat to a large family house. Our clients will be treated with the same enthusiasm.

**Tips to seller:** Get all the paperwork done so that the package can go as soon as the buyer has been found.

**Tips to buyer:** Be totally prepared to act quickly once you have found the right property.

**Market comment:** We are very excited to be launching some wonderful properties this month and look forward to achieving good results on behalf of our clients.

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## SAVILLS

**Head of sales:** Kit Allen

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**Company profile:** With over 140 offices worldwide, Savills is one of the leading international property advisors. With a distinctive collegiate

culture and highly motivated staff to ensure that we are committed to getting the very best results for our clients – every time. Savills has been No. 1 in the Estates Gazette rankings by revenue for the last eight years, with over 200 offices worldwide, of which 16 are in the core areas of residential London.

**Typical property:** Savills have something for everyone – flats from £600,000 - £6m+; houses from £1m+

**Tips to seller:** If you want to sell, don't follow the market down with your price. Get underneath it now!

**Tips to buyer:** It is better to buy well while there is lots of choice rather than wait for the bottom and miss it.

**Market comment:** Clearly demand is thin for today's prices, although there is speculative demand for next year's prices now. And vendors, who need to sell, should forget last year's prices!

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## KNIGHT FRANK

**Head of sales:** Tim Wright

**Head of lettings:** Zoe Sexton

**Company profile:** Internationally renowned property consultants with 200 offices worldwide

including Russia, India, Middle East, Hong Kong and China.

**Typical property:** One-bedroom flats to large family houses.

**Tips to seller:** Price sensibly and appoint an agent with international coverage.

**Tips to buyer:** Ensure that all your professional advisors (lawyer, surveyor, finance etc) are appointed and prepared for when a purchase is agreed.

**Market comment:** Not surprisingly buyers are becoming increasingly price sensitive. In a falling market vendors need to price ahead of the curve to achieve a successful sale.

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## JOHN D WOOD

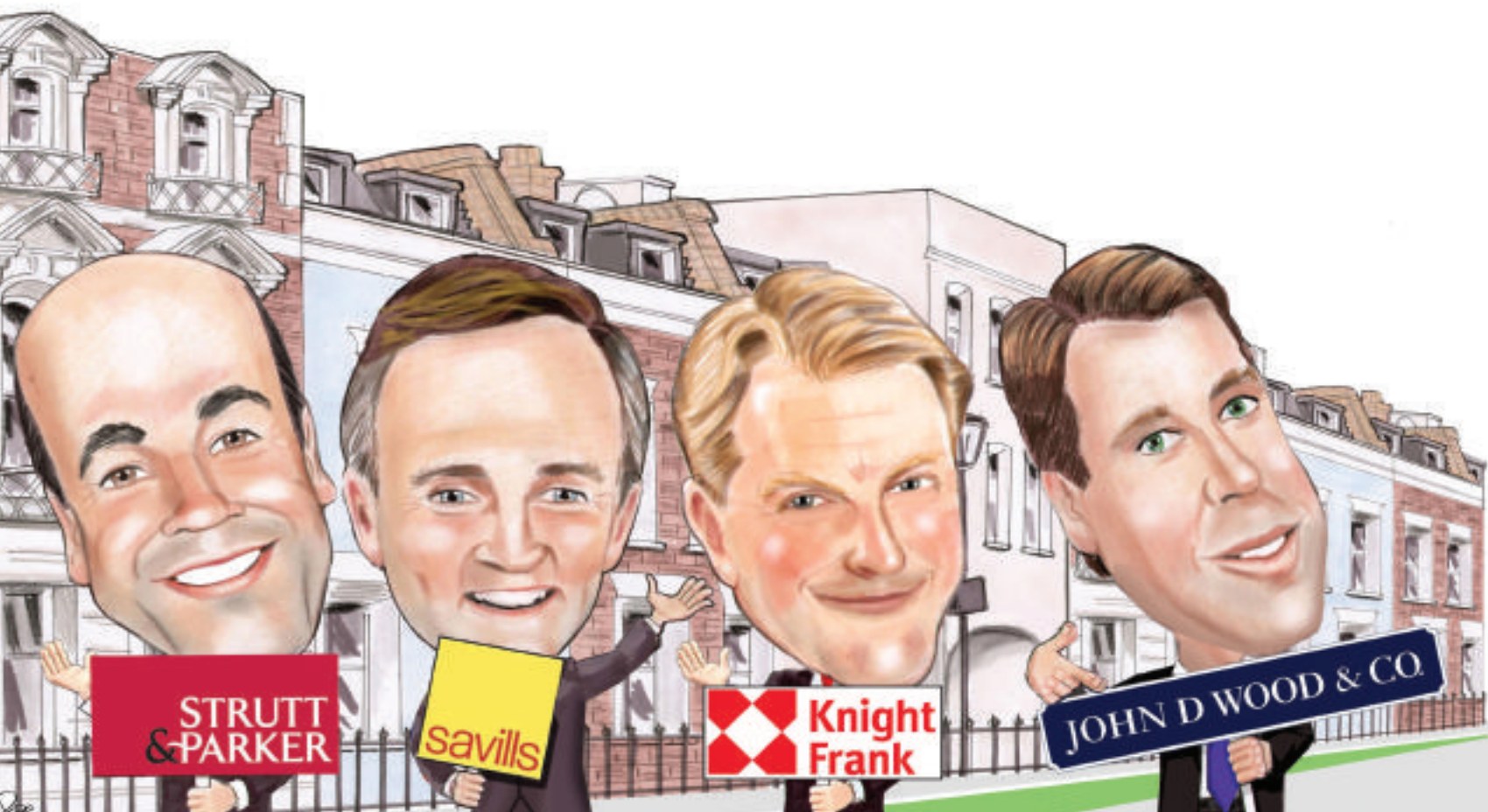
**Head of sales:** Matthew Harrop

**Head of lettings:** Monica Larranaga

**Company profile:** John D Wood has an excellent reputation for achieving best prices whether a one-bedroom flat or a detached villa. This is accomplished through good knowledge, advertising and excellent marketing material. As well as exposure on all major websites.

**Typical property:** One-bedroom flats to large family houses.

**Tips to seller:** Presentation and sensible





pricing is key to a successful sale.

**Tips to buyer:** Be bold, decisive and have - your finance in place.

**Market comment:** Expect to see the demand from international and continental buyers strengthen as they take advantage of buying opportunities created by the weaker pound.

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#### DOUGLAS & GORDON

**Head of sales:** James Bailey

**Head of lettings:** Emily Nicholl

**Company profile:** London's most innovative estate agent, D&G is one of the largest remaining independents. With sixteen offices in south west London they provide uncompromising service and expert knowledge.

**Typical property:** From studios at £350,000 to family houses at £10m.

**Tips to seller:** Given the current market, be very realistic with your asking price.

**Tips to buyer:** Building rapport with an agent is fundamental in order to get the best advice.

**Market comment:** Unless you've been hiding under a rock in the past few months you will have a clear idea about the current market, though business is still being done. This is central London after all, and one of the most important capitals in the world.

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#### DOUGLAS & GORDON

**Head of sales:** Dominic Hamilton

**Head of lettings:** Amanda Powell

**Company profile:** London's most innovative estate agent, D&G is one of the largest remaining independents, with 16 offices in south west London

**Typical property:** All types of residential properties, from one-bedroom flats to large apartments and family houses.

**Tips to seller:** Ensure that your property is presented to its optimum - in this market every little helps. Also, being realistic with the marketing price is crucial.

**Tips to buyer:** Make sure that your finances are in place prior to offering, and once you have seen a property that meets your requirements move quickly and efficiently.

**Market comment:** Whilst prices have come down, well-presented properties in good locations are still selling. It is important that buyers and vendors do not panic in light of press reports.

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#### BECTIVE LESLIE MARSH

**Head of sales:** Kim Turner

**Head of lettings:** James Clarke

**Company profile:** Bective Leslie Marsh have six offices in central and west London. The company deals with sales, both long and short lets, commercial, residential and international properties.

**Typical property:** Flats and houses from £250,000 - £10m+

**Tips to seller:** Make sure that your property is presented in the best possible condition in order to stand out from the rest and ensure your agent is giving your property maximum marketing exposure.

**Tips to buyer:** Have a clear idea of your needs and wants in a property. Now is your chance to have a thorough look in the market to find the perfect home or investment.

**Market comment:** Demand for good quality properties in key areas is still high, despite the turbulent market. Prices are changing to reflect the movements in the financial sector and as a result buyers now have the opportunity secure exactly what they are looking for.

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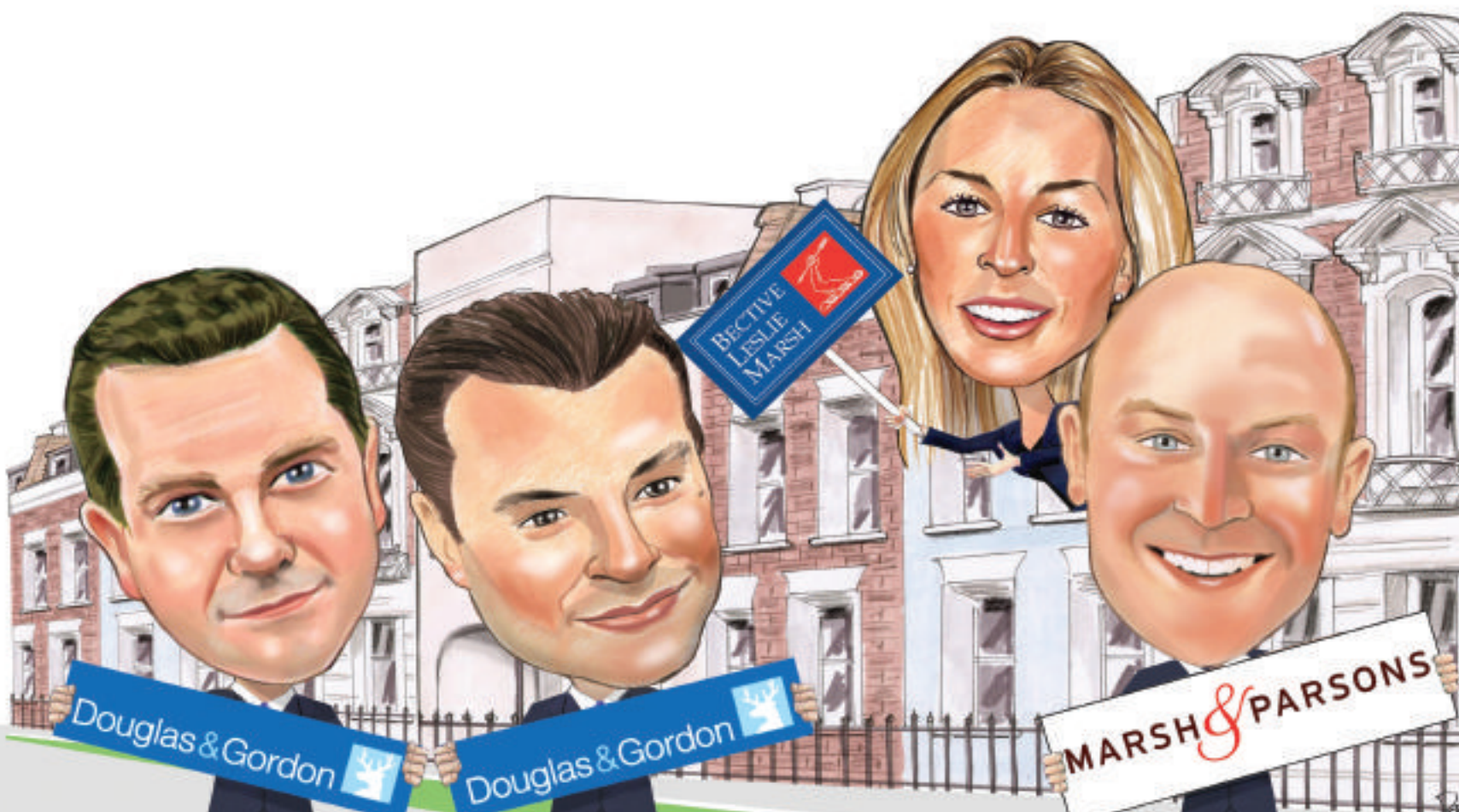
#### MARSH & PARSONS

**Head of sales:** Craig Tonkin

**Head of lettings:** Verity Watts

**Company profile:** Marsh & Parsons specialise in the central, west and south London markets with 14 offices. A team of highly experienced, forward thinking individuals who are passionate about selling and letting property, they offer a compelling blend of traditional service, innovative marketing and a modern attitude. We are proud of out excellence in customer service and 'Local know how'.

**Typical property:** Family houses, chic pied à terres and everything in between throughout





Kensington, South Kensington and Earls Court.

**Tips to seller:** Having your property priced correctly in the current market is essential, now is not the time for bullish asking prices!

**Tips to buyer:** Make sure your finance/solicitor are in place prior to making an offer, this will allow you to move quickly and efficiently towards an exchange of contracts.

**Market comment:** Now is a great time to be trading up market as there is now real value in the market place with prices having fallen by up to 20 per cent from their highs of last year. Sales are taking place in some numbers but only where purchasers are not overplaying their hand and offering ridiculously low from an already reduced price and where vendors are realistic about the value of their property.

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**Company profile:** Chesterton has been one of the leading and most reputable London property companies since 1805. With a heritage stretching more than two centuries, our success is down to a commitment to conforming to the highest professional standards time and time again, with the added benefit of being members of the RICS. Chesterton has a network of 22 offices in London and Sevenoaks and has also recently

extended its international reach opening two new offices in Gibraltar and Lake Como.

**Typical property:** Flats and houses in prime locations.

**Tips to seller:** Choose an agent that offers you both a local presence and an effective network to ensure you have the best opportunity of finding the right buyer.

**Tips to buyer:** If you see the property you want to buy then be decisive and go for it. Time really can cost you money and more importantly your purchase.

**Market comment:** The past nine months have seen a dramatic turn around from a sellers market into a buyers market. However, the effect in Kensington has been cushioned by its prestigious reputation within the Royal Borough.

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#### AYLESFORD RESIDENTIAL

**Head of sales:** Thomas Wilton

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**Company profile:** A privately owned, independent estate agency located in the heart of Kensington. With a primary focus centred around Kensington, Notting Hill, Holland Park and Knightsbridge. We pride ourselves on a friendly, personal approach offering a service that is tailored to the individual client's needs.

**Typical property:** Family houses between £2 and £10m and flats between £500,000 and £3m.

**Tips to seller:** Be organised and make sure that all documentation relating to your property is in order.

**Tips to buyer:** Be prepared to act quickly when you have found the right property.

**Market comment:** In today's market it is important that properties are correctly priced to achieve success for owners.

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#### CHARD

**Head of sales:** Grant O'Donoghue

**Head of lettings:** Richard Saltmer

**Typical property:** Chard deal with a whole spectrum of property, to include a range of values and sizes. Each new instruction is exposed to the market with as much energy and excitement as the previous.

**Tips to seller:** Listen to your chosen agents' advice, as the market is moving daily now and if you don't follow the movements you will lose out and risk not selling and sitting on the market.

**Tips to buyer:** There is plenty of stock coming to the market and offers are very much being considered, but it is still important to be organized, so have your mortgage agreed in principle and a solicitor lined up. The competitively priced properties won't hang around and the most prepared buyers will get them first. Also get to know the agents, as they are there to help you find a property.





**Market comment:** At the right price properties are still gaining a good level of interest and will generate offers in a sensible time period, also, historically, the run up to Christmas is one of the best marketing times of the year, at which point the market will tend to drop off until the new year.

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#### HARPERS AND HARRISON

**Head of sales:** Marie Harrison

**Head of lettings:** Catherine O'Hagan

**Company profile:** An independent company offering a broad range of services throughout the residential market. Our highly experienced team will tailor a personal service to suit your requirements

**Typical property:** All types of properties across the residential market from studios to mansions.

**Tips to seller:** Good presentation is essential so 'de-clutter'- first impressions do count!

**Tips to buyer:** Make sure your finances are in place.

**Market comment:** The ability to borrow money reduces activity and will continue to slow down the current market. City turmoil will obviously affect buyers and sellers alike.

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#### Flat out

A substantial detached period house in The Boltons is a slice of property heaven, this current example from Daniel Corbett is laid out as three substantial flats. Offering staggering space and volume within its large rooms, and externally, in the wonderful secluded southerly facing garden. The already well-presented property lends itself to considerable expansion both at high and particularly at low levels, subject to consents, or indeed to restore it to a family house. The accommodation comprises: ground/lower ground maisonette – 3,111sqft; first floor – 1,194sqft; second floor – 1,182sqft; loft space – 515sqft. Externally: terrace, off-street parking, front garden and 75' x 40' rear garden.

**£15.5m, freehold. Daniel Corbett, 020 7225 1500**

## stop press

#### Famous five

This beautifully presented 2,800sqft, five-bedroom, stucco fronted family house is arranged to maximise the south-facing aspect with a strategically placed patio garden and a bright double drawing room on the raised ground floor. Tucked behind Kensington Church Street



on Gloucester Walk, this grand family home is in an enviable location for the best local schools, shops and restaurants on Kensington High Street and transport links of Notting Hill Gate.

**£3.95m, freehold.**

**Marsh and Parsons, 020 7368 4450**

#### 21 Century design

This immaculately refurbished five-bedroom house on Chapel Street in Belgravia has retained its historic glory during its recent facelift. Although the latest technology – CCTV, integrated sound and visual – have been installed,



alongside the contemporary Poggenpohl kitchen, the 3,077sqft of living and entertaining space has retained its soul with quintessential period features – sash windows, fireplaces and high ceilings. Accommodation includes: Drawing room, dining room, kitchen, study, master bedroom en suite, four further bedrooms, conservatory, terrace and patio.

**£5.25m, freehold. Humberts, 020 7589 2000**







# Agent speaks:

**Christo Headfort, chairman of Bective Leslie Marsh**

**C**hristo Headfort of Bective Leslie Marsh has operated in Kensington and Chelsea for over 25 years and remains one of the few agents of his generation still enjoying the cut and thrust of selling and acquiring property in central London.

"The speed of decline in the reduction of transactions and subsequent price falls over the last year has caught pretty much everyone by surprise. I felt last summer that things were becoming excessively overheated and had a feeling it couldn't last but I certainly did not expect such a dramatic correction, and at such a dramatic pace.

Speculation about property continues in every corner of the media with wildly differing opinions and also huge regional variations. Indeed within the few postcodes that we operate in the central London area there are markets developing within markets, some of which are doing fairly well given the overall doom and gloom.

What is fair to say, is that the transactions we have concluded have generally been at a 15 - 20 per cent reduction from summer 2007. However the second quarter of 2007 saw the "last signs of madness" as people paid ever more exotic prices, often competing in sealed bids and so in reality we are probably back to mid 2006 prices. There is still a fair amount of property languishing on the market where vendors have failed to take account of falling prices and these properties look evermore out of place as new vendors with a sense of realism come to the market.

**Everyone is trying to guess the bottom of the market and I think this ends up as much about luck as judgement**

Nationwide Building Society has recently said they believe national prices will ultimately fall 25 per cent from their peak last year. I believe this figure is high for central London especially at the very top end which is still in some cases seeing price increases, but it does mean that those owners who have responded don't now have too far to go. Of course the financial system remains turbulent and this will inevitably lead to further distortions.

Naturally, everyone is trying to guess the bottom of the market and I think this ends up as much about luck as judgement. There are, however, some encouraging signs emerging. Substantial price reductions have already occurred and transactions are happening. Buyers are getting much better value for money and the cost of mortgages appears to be softening (nine out of 12 top lenders have recently reduced their two and three year fixed rates by up to 0.9 per cent and 0.6 per cent respectively).

Property is firstly a place to live and secondly an investment and most buyers want to feel what they buy today will at least hold its value. Broadly

I feel we are not too far from this point although there will continue to be great variations and fluctuations before a broad consensus returns. I am certain however that anyone who buys today will still count it as their best ever investment in ten years time."

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# refreshingly different



## Privileged position

### Kensington Park Road, Notting Hill W11

A magnificent family house (390 sq m/4,205 sq ft approx.) on this sought after Notting Hill terrace offering exceptional entertaining space and flexible living accommodation. The elegant reception and dining areas are complimented by generous bedroom accommodation that includes a fabulous master suite. This unique property further boasts a glorious veranda overlooking an exceptionally large private garden.

5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, double reception room, kitchen/dining room, family room, study, utility room, garage, off street parking for 3 cars, veranda, 100 ft garden, access to Ladbroke Square Gardens.

**Freehold**

**Price on application**

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Kensington 020 7795 4288  
Ladbroke Grove 020 7221 0330

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Brook Green 020 7603 5181

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## Kensington Church Street, Kensington W8

A large apartment (164 sq m/1,765 sq ft approx.) situated on the second floor of a well maintained portered mansion block in the heart of Kensington.

3 double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms (2 en suites), reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, lift, porter.

**Freehold**

**£1,555,000**

Kensington office 020 7795 4288



## Upper Addison Gardens, Kensington W8

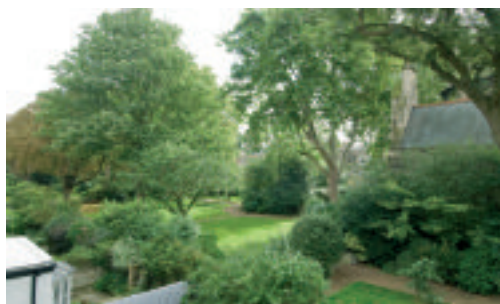
An immaculately presented first floor period conversion apartment (66 sq m/710 sq ft approx.) offering light and spacious living with beautiful views overlooking the private secluded communal gardens and St John the Baptist Church.

2 double bedrooms, bathroom, reception room, kitchen, communal garden.

**Share of freehold**

**£725,000**

Kensington office 020 7795 4288





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## **Logan Pace, Kensington W8**

A modern and contemporary home (151 sq m/ 1,625sq ft approx.) offering vast living space over four floors and almost immediate access to the amenities of Kensington High Street and Earls Court.

4 double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, cloakroom, reception room, open plan kitchen/dining room, south facing patio garden, garage, off street parking

**Freehold**

**£1,795,000**

Kensington office 020 7795 4288



## **Earls Court Road, Kensington W8**

A light and spacious maisonette (199 sq m/2,141 sq ft approx.) which has been recently refurbished to an exceptionally high standard. The property is well located within the Royal Borough close to the vast amenities of Kensington High Street.

3 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, double reception room, kitchen, cloakroom.

**Freehold**

**£1,750,000**

Kensington office 020 7795 4288





# GEORGE TROLLOPE



## Lyall Street SW1

### PRICE ON APPLICATION

Lease approximately 120 years  
(garage held on separate lease  
expiring 11th August 2018)

An imposing five double bedroom white stucco fronted period house, in this popular street in the heart of Belgravia. The house also benefits from a large private garage.



Double Reception Room ↘ Reception Room  
↘ Dining Room ↘ Kitchen Breakfast Room  
↘ Utility ↘ Cellar ↘ Dumb Waiter ↘ Study  
↘ Master Bedroom Suite with Dressing Room  
↘ Large En-Suite Bath/Shower Room  
↘ 4 further Double Bedrooms  
↘ 2 Bathrooms ↘ Shower Room  
↘ Kitchenette ↘ Garage

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## Warwick Square SW1

**PRICE ON APPLICATION**  
Leasehold plus share of freehold

A wonderfully light and spacious (approximately 1,690 square feet) third and fourth floor maisonette situated in the middle of the North terrace overlooking the communal gardens of Warwick Square. The property benefits from two good sized double bedrooms and a wonderful reception room with windows both at the front and rear.

Reception room ➤ Kitchen / Dining Room  
➤ Master bedroom with En - Suite bathroom  
➤ Second Bedroom ➤ Shower Room ➤ Utility Room ➤ Access to Square Gardens



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# GEORGE TROLLOPE



## **Eaton Square SW1** **£2950 per week** **Unfurnished**

A stunning 1st and 2nd floor maisonette (2,780 sq. ft./ 258 sq. m.) situated in an elegant period building overlooking Eaton Square Gardens. The property features two generous reception rooms with an original stone staircase leading to the 2nd floor.

Reception Room ↘ Dining/Reception Room  
↘ Entrance Hall ↘ Cloakroom ↘ Master Bedroom  
with En - Suite Bathroom ↘ Two Double  
Bedrooms ↘ Bathroom ↘ Communal Gardens ↘  
Two Balconies.



## **Beauchamp Place, SW3** **£580 per week** **Unfurnished**

A newly refurbished 4th floor flat (with lift) in this prime central London Knightsbridge location. Neutrally decorated, carpeted throughout. The flat has two good sized double bedrooms, and an abundance of natural light.

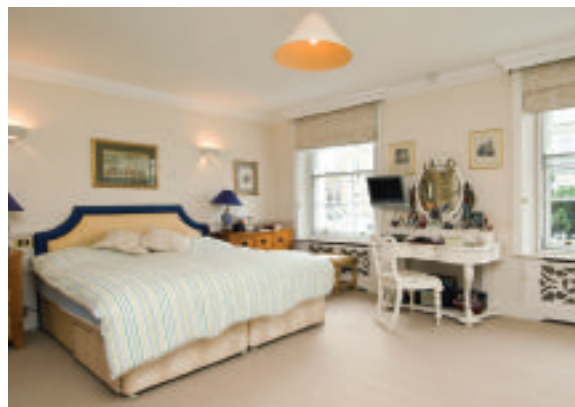
Reception Room ↘ Kitchen ↘ Two Double  
Bedrooms with fitted wardrobes ↘ Bathroom  
↘ Shower Room

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## Fulham Road, London SW10

A superb white stucco fronted family house (approx. 2,742 sq ft) presented in good decorative order throughout located on a popular part of the Fulham Road, known as "The Beach", just beyond Netherton Grove and superbly placed for the many local amenities of Chelsea.

Double Drawing Room • Study • 4 Double Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms • Shower Room  
Staff Bedroom with En Suite Bathroom • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • 2 Guest  
Cloakrooms • Utility Room • Garden • Off Street Parking For 2 Cars

Freehold

£2,600,000 STC







PRICE REDUCTION

## Fernshaw Road, London SW10

A superbly appointed and recently refurbished house located in this quiet street with a most convenient lower ground floor that, although incorporated into the main house, could be used as a self contained flat.

3 Reception Rooms • Kitchen/Conservatory/Breakfast Room • Second Kitchen • 5 Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms • Shower Room • Separate WC  
36ft Rear Garden • Roof Terrace

Freehold

£2,600,000 STC



PRICE REDUCTION

## Ormonde Gate, London SW3

A spacious low built house which is now in need of some refurbishment and therefore offers a purchaser the opportunity to arrange the house to their own requirement.

Double Reception Room • Dining Room • Kitchen/Breakfast Room  
6 Bedrooms • Study/Bedroom 7 • 3 Bathrooms • Shower Room • Guest Cloakroom • Utility Room • Garden

Leasehold - 37 years remaining

£2,250,000 STC



## Lawrence Street, London SW3

An exceptionally light fifth floor penthouse approx. 1,051 sq ft in a quiet and popular Chelsea street, close to the River Thames with magnificent views over Chelsea Old Church and on towards the river. In addition the property boasts two excellent terraces with plenty of space for entertaining.

Open Plan Reception Room/Kitchen • 2 Double Bedrooms • Bathroom  
Shower Room • 2 Terraces

Share of Freehold

£1,150,000 STC



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## Wilton Place, London SW1

An excellent and unusual house which has been completely redesigned to create a very spacious and practical home.

6 Bedrooms • 6 En Suite Bathrooms • Reception Hall • Drawing Room • Dining Room • Kitchen/Family Room • Staff Kitchen Utility Room • Sauna & Shower Room with Separate WC • Atrium Swimming Pool • Balcony • Large Roof Terrace • Large Storage Vaults  
Furnished/Unfurnished £7,500 Per Week



## Brompton Square, London SW3

An immaculate family house which has been brand newly refurbished to a very high standard, in this excellent Knightsbridge location.

4 Bedrooms • 3 En Suite Bathrooms • En Suite Shower Room Double Reception Room • Dining Room • Family Room 2 Studies • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • 2nd Kitchen • 2 Guest Cloakrooms • Underground Vaults • 3 Balconies • Garden  
Unfurnished £6,000 Per Week



## Hobury Street, London SW10

A delightful and spacious four-five bedroom family house with a large rear garden and three really good reception rooms. The property is currently being redecorated through out.

3/4 Double Bedrooms • Single Bedroom • 2 Bathrooms (1 En Suite) 1/2 Reception Rooms • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Study • Garden  
Unfurnished £2,500 Per Week



## Sheffield Terrace, London W8

A spacious top floor maisonette in this excellent Kensington location with a fabulous studio styled reception room with wood floors on the top floor leading to an open plan fitted kitchen.

3 Double Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms • Reception Room • Kitchen Guest Cloakroom  
Unfurnished £1,650 Per Week





## PATRICK PONTIFICATES...

I am a strong advocate of the free market and I am not convinced that the government should intervene to 'help' the housing market at all. Anyway, this government has no ability whatsoever to produce legislation that actually works.

The Stamp Duty changes that the Chancellor has announced may help a few people who are struggling but they will certainly not make any difference to property prices.

Many agents are calling for a cut in interest rates to stimulate the market; however, a base rate of 5% is not high, and cutting rates might further fuel inflation which would be very unhelpful for the rest of the economy. The Bank of England is, in my view, doing the right thing by taking a cautious middle line with interest rates.

The real issue causing problems in the property market is the retail banks unwillingness/lack of ability to lend to purchasers. Having massively over-lent in recent years most banks need to restore the balance between their capital base and their lending. Until this is achieved purchasers will continue to find it difficult to borrow from the banks and property prices will be adversely affected.

The Government has made it easier for the banks to swap debt on their books for cash but the banks have simply been using this facility to rebuild their capital. One way to help the property market is if the retail banks are only lent this money by The Bank of England provided they pass it on to their customers in the form of mortgages.

Banks also need to be confident that, when they lend on a purchase, the value of the property will remain greater than the sum they have lent on it.

So the quicker that prices reach their bottom point the better.

I have been trying to get owners and agents to understand this point for a year now and on the whole I think that people are beginning to recognise the realities. However, this autumn, we are still seeing some agents/owners bringing their properties to the market at unrealistic prices. They will learn the hard way.

**“The quicker that prices hit the bottom the better”**

### GOOD NEWS

The last big property downturn of the early 1990's dragged on for several years. Nowadays, we all have so much more information at our fingertips via the internet, that it is all happening much quicker.

Real sales prices are down 15–20% from the peak as I write this. My personal belief is that Central London prices will bottom out in the first half of 2009 with the rest of the country not far behind. I guess we will grind along for a bit but from 2010, we should hopefully see some gentle gains.

The recent bank collapses, bail-outs and emergency mergers, whilst bad news for many, will in my view, actually speed the process of property prices reaching the bottom.

What is crystal clear to me is that we are unlikely to see property values soaring quickly back up to



**Patrick Bullick**, Managing Director of STANLEY Chelsea.

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the 2007 peak prices and beyond. This generation of bankers have been suitably chastened and are unlikely to lend so recklessly for many years to come. It was the over-supply of easy money that helped push prices up ridiculously quickly and so, without that to fuel the market, future price rises should be more measured and stable. Good.

PB Sept 08



## WINNERS

**Cash Buyers** – no problems with borrowing

**Un-encumbered buyers** – chains are so messy!

**First time buyers** – can get on the ladder

**Developers** – are pleased to pick up bargains

**Rental Investors** – buying now gives better yields

**People Upgrading** – any % decrease on a bigger property is much more in cash terms



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## Surprisingly busy summer in Chelsea

Here at STANLEY Chelsea, the summer has not been as bad as might have been expected. We have sold quite a few properties.

Granted, compared to the market peak in mid-2007, there has been a 15-20% reduction in prices being achieved but we are still making sales happen.

A typical example is a lovely one bedroom flat on Cathcart Road, Chelsea SW10 which we believe would probably have achieved £550,000 in the middle of last year and that we have just sold for £460,000. This is a 16% discount from the peak but is put in context by the fact that the seller had purchased the flat in 2004 for £355,000.

Lettings too continues at a steady pace. We are busy with the 'home' market but higher value properties have been affected by redundancies in the city and by the repatriation of US/European employees. Properties geared to this market are lingering longer than they have done in the past.

Landlords do need to be aware, and pragmatic accordingly, in order to avoid expensive empty periods.

At STANLEY Chelsea we have always been realistic with our clients and we think that this is one of the things that is helping us to be successful in these trickier times.



## STANLEY Chelsea's bags for life a hit!

Our recently distributed eco-friendly and vivid green (of course!) bags were a real success locally - and so we plan to deliver more later in the year.

Each year in Britain, 13 billion carrier bags are handed out to customers, so by using your STANLEY Chelsea bag, you can do your bit to reduce this figure. Apparently, 19% of the UK population insist on a new bag every time they shop and over 40% of people store in excess of 40 bags in their houses at any one time.

We at STANLEY Chelsea continue to do all we can to be as environmentally friendly as possible. We extend this to the cars we drive (hybrids), to the lighting we use in the office and the organic milk we use in our organic coffee. We hope you will continue to support our environmental cause through your repeated use of STANLEY Chelsea's bags for life.



# LOSERS

**Over-borrowed Landlords**  
— rent doesn't cover costs  
**Final Sellers** — come away with less cash

**People Downsizing** — any percentage decrease taken is bigger in cash terms than on a smaller property  
**Gordon Brown**



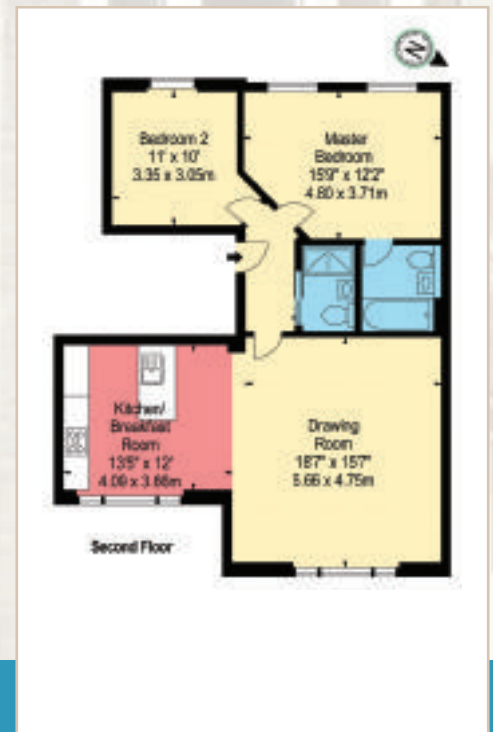
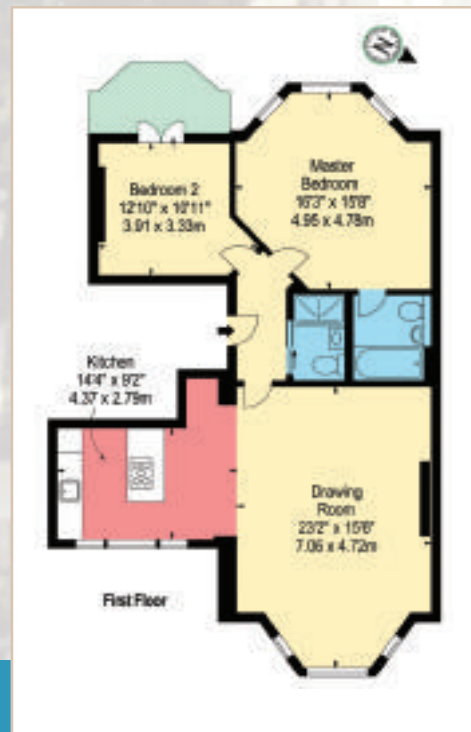
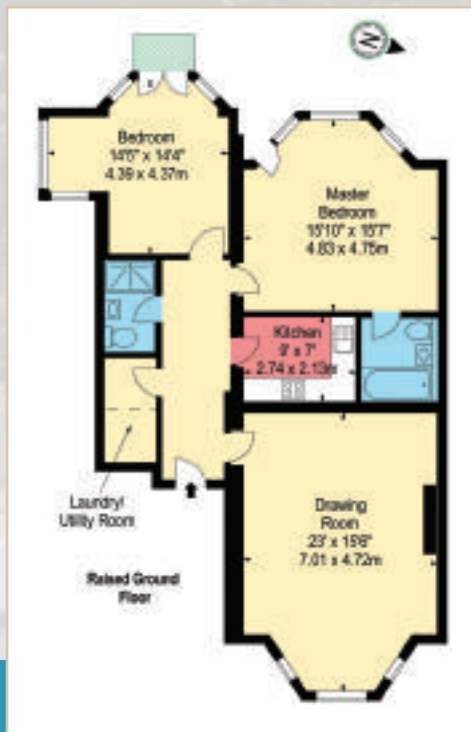
# A stunning selection of two bedroom, two bathroom flats in prime Chelsea

## REDCLIFFE GARDENS/CATHCART ROAD, SW10

A stunning selection of innovatively designed two bedroom apartments in this immaculately refurbished end of terrace period building situated on the corner of Carthcart Road. The development is placed on a wonderful tree lined avenue that enjoys all the amenities of both Fulham Road and Old Brompton Road. Gloucester Road and Earl's Court underground station are a short walk away.

**TENURE:** ALL FLATS HAVE SHARE OF FREEHOLD WITH A 999 YEAR LEASE

**LOCAL AUTHORITY:** THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON & CHELSEA



WITH PRICES FROM: £725,000 - £885,000 STC



## APARTMENT SPECIFICATIONS

### KITCHEN

- Miele integrated appliances
- Double drawer Fisher and Paykel dishwasher
- Walnut kitchen doors (with matching carcasses)
- Handleless soft close doors/ Blum electric servo drive drawers
- Mirror splashback
- Stone work surface (with breakfast bar overhang on 1st & 2nd Floors)
- Franke under mounted sink
- Chrome furniture

### RECEPTION/DINING ROOM

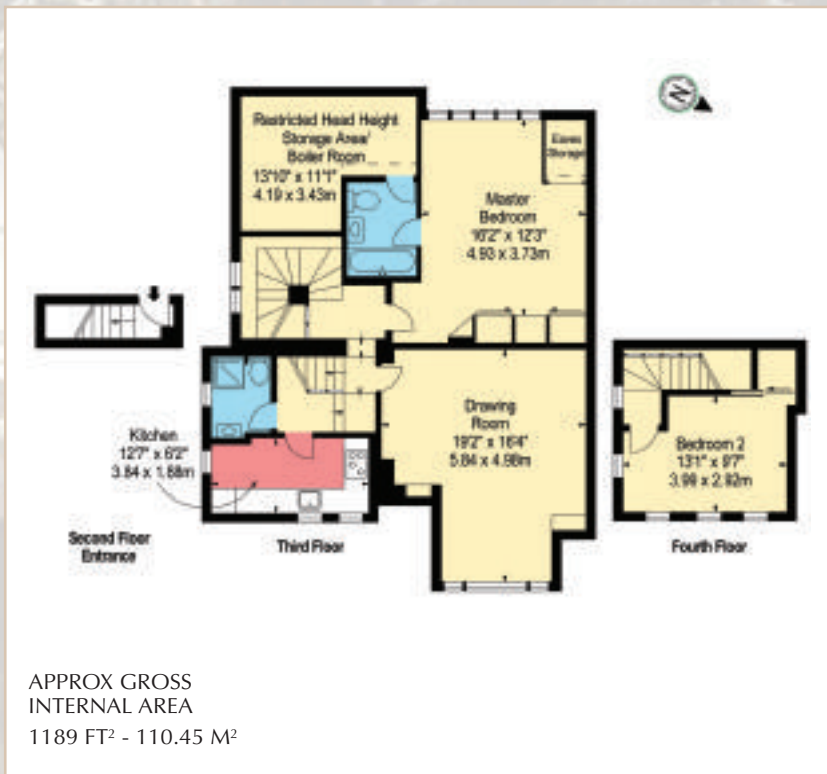
- Wide plank American black walnut wood flooring
- Limestone mantel/hearth gas fireplace with flues lined in twin wall steel (Ground, 1st & 2nd floors)
- Sonance ceiling speakers & Ipod dock
- Italian crystal chandeliers

### BATHROOMS

- Natural stone tiles (marble/travertine)
- Under-floor heating in en-suite bathroom
- Mega flow shower
- Modern chrome bathroom furniture
- 'Wet' shower area

### GENERAL

- Walnut veneered doors
- Fitted wardrobes in master bedrooms
- Chrome door furniture
- 100% pure wool carpets in all bedrooms
- Lutron lighting system throughout
- Chrome light and electrical fittings
- Soundproofing between flats
- All sash windows upgraded to double-glazing
- Secondary Glazing on 1st & 2nd Floors
- Alarm system wired throughout
- Satellite TV enabled (Sky+)
- All electrical work compliant with current building regulations
- Structural engineer (Croft)/ Architect (Kingconroy) sign off
- 10 year build guarantee (with BLP)
- Communal areas fully refurbished
- Share of freehold (999 year lease)







### Country escape

Three stunning individual duplex apartments in the former Douai Abbey School, Upper Woolhampton between Reading and Newbury are being sold through Bewley Homes. The original features of this beautiful building have been carefully retained with stone staircases, high vaulted and decorated ceilings, stained glass windows, and amazing original fireplaces. These will be combined with modern state of the art French handmade kitchens fully fitted with Bosch appliances, Villeroy & Boch sanitaryware and the highest of internal specification to finish these luxury homes.

Price guide from £1.8m. Bewley Homes, 0118 971 4491



### Good day, bad day?

The market is defiantly still on the move in W8:

- A headline on 15 September 2008 read: Lehman Brothers file for bankruptcy, 5,000 people in the UK alone made redundant.
- Also on 15 September 2008, Bective Leslie Marsh exchanged on a property in Pembroke Mews, W8 (pictured) for £1.65m to a cash buyer following a six working day exchange.

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### Park life

Craven Hill Gardens, just north of Hyde Park, is part of the quiet backwaters between Bayswater Road and Westbourne Grove that are attracting more and more savvy buyers to the area. The renovation of the Whiteleys centre, and Northacre's regeneration of the old Thistle Hotel are just two of the recent indicators to the area's new found popularity. Chard are marketing this two bed/two bath flat in an imposing stucco building with garden square views, period charm and the green spaces of Hyde Park on your doorstep.

£675,000, leasehold.  
Chard, 020 7243 4500

# stop press

### By royal appointment

You know you're in the right part of town when your neighbours are royalty. Douglas and Gordon are marketing this smart period home on Cambridge Place, W8 which should have enough accommodation for even the biggest brood: five bedrooms, three bathrooms, double reception room, kitchen/dining room, family room, art room, two studies, two guest cloakrooms, entrance hall, utility room, wine cellar, garden/terrace and large garage.

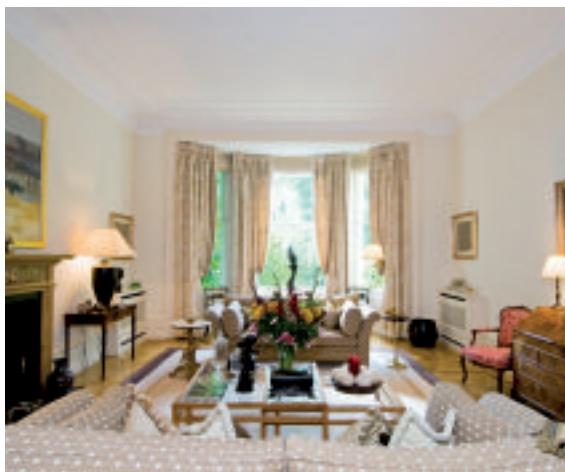
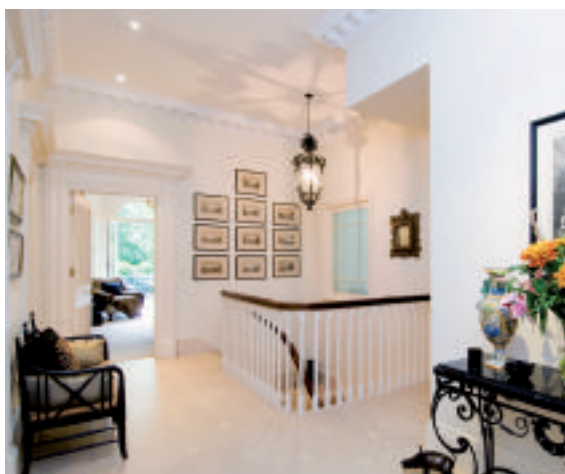
POA, freehold. Douglas and Gordon, 020 7581 1152



### Eaton your words

Eaton Place, SW1 is prime Belgravia territory. For those house-hunters looking for a slice of the luxury pie, George Trollope have a very smart offering in this first floor flat with large terrace – exclusive address and outside space? We said it was good. The two bedroom/two bathroom layout is great for the professional-sharing crowd – but equally, with its close proximity to some of the capital's best schools – a great family pied a terre too. £1,400 per week, unfurnished. George Trollope, 020 7824 8111





## LONDON S.W.10.

Standing within The Boltons Conservation Area, a **very rare detached period house** currently laid out as three substantial flats. This fine freehold property offers exceptional space and volume with large rooms, high ceilings and a wonderful secluded **southerly facing garden**. This handsome and well presented property lends itself to **considerable expansion** both at high and particularly at low levels, subject to consents, and there is extant permission to revert to a family house.

The accommodation of the property is currently arranged as: Ground and Lower Ground Maisonette - 3111 sq ft/289 sq m, First Floor 1194/111sqm, Second Floor - 1182/110 sq m, Loft Space 515 sq ft/48 sq m, Terrace, Off-Street Parking, Front Garden, 75' x 40' Rear Garden

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**Freehold. Guide Price: £15,500,000 STC**

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# RUSSELL SIMPSON



## KENSINGTON GATE, W8

A superb mid Victorian white stucco fronted family house on the north side of this elegant garden square.

This house enjoys a south aspect over the square gardens to the front and has an open aspect to the rear.

Four reception rooms: Kitchen/breakfast room: Four bedrooms: Dressing room: Two bathrooms: Shower room: Storage vaults: Cloakroom: Garden.

**Freehold**

**3,257 sq ft/302 sq m**

**Price on Application**



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Freehold

3,706 sq ft/344 sq m

Price on Application

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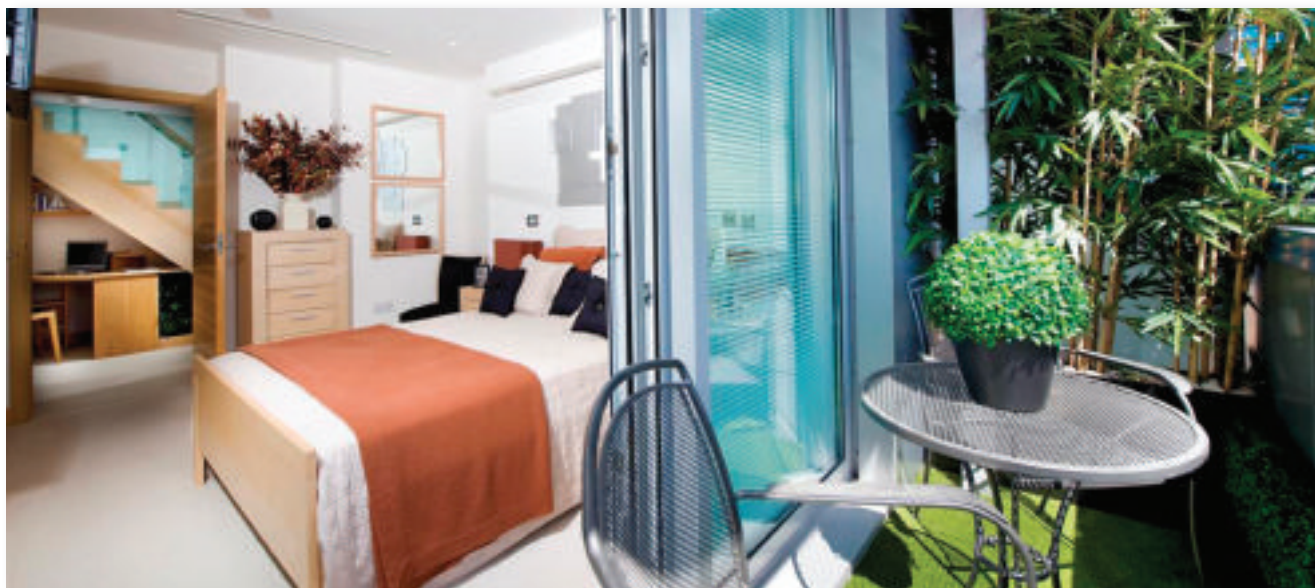
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## **Lexham Gardens, W8** £1,500,000

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## **Stratford Road, W8** £465,000

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## **Argyll Road, W8** £4,850,000 Leasehold

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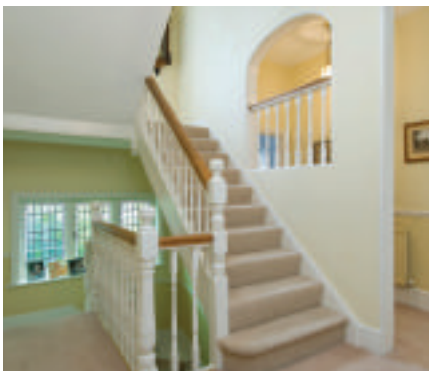
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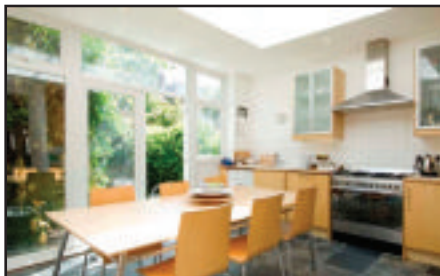


### FULHAM PARK STUDIOS, FULHAM ROAD, SW6

A highly unusual unique spacious split level flat benefiting from a sizeable south facing roof terrace.  
\*Two Double Bedrooms \*Bathroom \*Reception Room  
\*Kitchen/Breakfast Room \*Balcony \*South Facing Roof Terrace

£510,000

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### LARNACH ROAD, W6

A larger than average end of terrace four bedroom Edwardian house in excellent condition throughout benefiting from a south facing garden.

\*Four Bedrooms \*Bathroom \*En-Suite Shower Room  
\*Double Reception Room \*Kitchen/Dining Room \*South Facing Garden

£735,000

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### WALDEMAR AVENUE, SW6

A beautifully presented wider than average end of terrace family home.

\*Five Bedrooms \*Two Bathrooms \*Cloakroom \*Two Reception Rooms \*Kitchen/Breakfast/Dining Room  
\*Utility/Laundry Room \*Roof Terrace \*West Facing Garden  
\*Off Street Parking for 2 cars.

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### CHESILTON ROAD, SW6

A split level maisonette in need of some cosmetic work in this prime location just off the Fulham Road close to Parsons Green underground station.

\*Two Double Bedrooms \*En-Suite Shower Room \*En-Suite Bathroom \*Reception Room \*Kitchen

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### RANELAGH GARDENS, SW6

A rare opportunity to purchase this exceptional spacious top floor flat in this extremely popular riverside development close to the Hurlingham Club and Putney Bridge underground station.

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### IMPERIAL WHARF, SW6

An immaculately presented purpose built sixth floor flat in this luxurious and prestigious development by the river.

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£695,000

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### LETTICE STREET, SW6

A completely newly refurbished and renovated extended Victorian terrace house benefiting from a decked south facing garden, situated in a prime Fulham location close to Parsons Green underground station.

\*Three Double Bedrooms \*Bathroom \*En-Suite Shower Room \*Cloakroom \*Double Reception Room \*Large Basement Kitchen/Dining room \*South Facing Decked Garden

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### BROMPTON PARK CRESCENT, SW6

A one bedroom flat in this popular gated development benefiting from use of a swimming pool and gymnasium.

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### GASTEIN ROAD, W6

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\*Cloakroom \*Double Reception Room \*Kitchen/Dining Room \*Garden

£850,000

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## Riverside splendour Chelsea riverside

A superb three bedroom riverside apartment located within this popular development with direct views over the River Thames. The property benefits from being next to the open spaces of Battersea Park and enjoys the numerous bars and restaurants in the area.

**3 Bedrooms**  
**Secure Parking**  
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**Porter**  
**Resident's Gym and Tennis Court**

**£1500 per week**  
**Furnished**  
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## Contemporary chic Chelsea

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### STUDIO PLACE, SW1

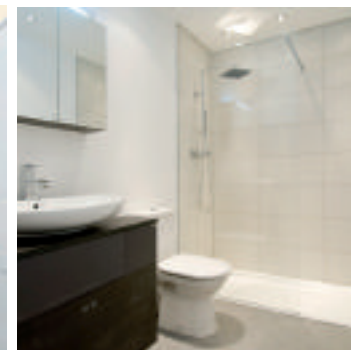


A rare chance to acquire an unusual Ground Floor flat in this fascinating period building, once a hospital, where Henry Gray wrote his famous 'Anatomy of the Human Body.' Historically it is used as live/work space by tenants whose business is arts or media related. No 4 has a large skylight and a glass dome providing a wonderful quality of light. Studio Place is a quiet cul-de-sac at the Knightsbridge end of Kinnerton Street. 1064 sq ft 99 sq metres

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**Long let Unfurnished  
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## Queen's Gate | SW7

### A rarely available Kensington duplex.

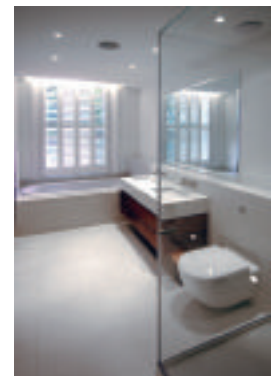
A truly stunning, recently refurbished, four bedroom, three bathroom split level apartment with balcony on the first and second floor of this stunning period building in Queen's Gate, Kensington. Finished to the very highest of standards it boasts a grand reception room with fireplace, high ceilings and French windows to private balcony. Beautiful separate modern fitted kitchen, equipped with a full range of Gaggenau appliances and well planned work surfaces and storage. In addition, the property features an integrated networked Bose audio/visual system, entry phone system, Banham locks and an intruder alarm system.

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## Eaton Place | SW1X Prime first floor lateral.

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Historical Note: The house across the road at 99 Eaton Place was the scene of Chopin's first concert in London, on 23 June 1848

Entrance Hall / Study • Reception Room • Dining Room / Media Room • Kitchen / Breakfast Room • Master Bedroom with dressing room and bathroom en suite  
• 2nd bedroom • 3rd Bedroom • Further bathroom • Guest cloakroom • Two stucco balconies • Lift • Porter  
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 ■ garage and gated carriage driveway



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**LAURISTON ROAD, WIMBLEDON VILLAGE SW19 Guide Price £4,800,000 Freehold**

■ Partially open plan living area of drawing room, study, dining room and kitchen ■ large family room ■  
 6 bedrooms ■ dressing room ■ 4 bath/shower rooms ■ southerly garden ■ detached double garage with  
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**A handsome detached residence backing onto Royal Wimbledon Golf Course**  
**DRAX AVENUE, WIMBLEDON SW20 Price on Application for the Freehold**

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**2 bedroom flat, Kensington, SW5 £500 pw**  
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## Situated on a popular garden square Redcliffe Square SW10 £1,050,000

A stunning apartment situated within a well maintained building on this popular garden square close to the amenities and transport links of Earls Court and West Brompton offering easy access in and out of the city. The property is presented in excellent condition throughout and boasts an entrance hall leading to a spacious, bright reception room that leads directly onto a private patio area ideal for entertaining. Further accommodation comprises a stunning fitted kitchen with wooden floors and black granite work surfaces, two very well proportioned bedrooms, two bathrooms (one en suite). Share of Freehold. **Sole Agents.**

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## Exquisite contemporary living close to Fulham Broadway **Moore Park Road SW6 £1,995,000**

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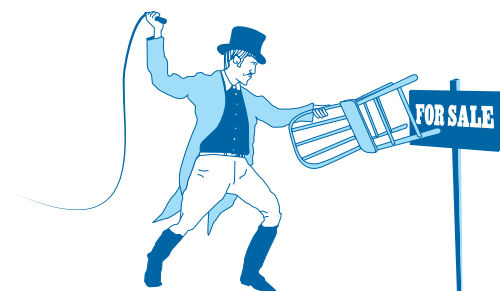
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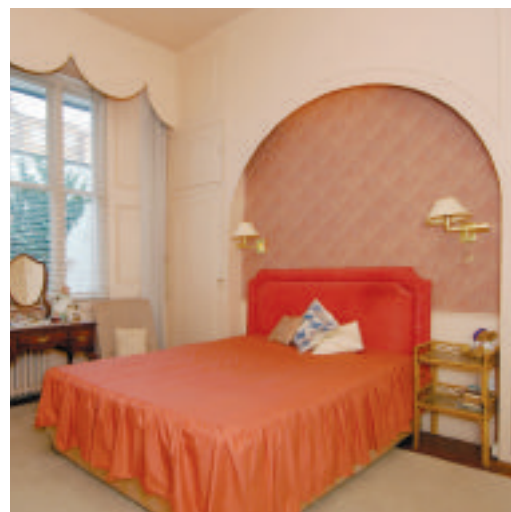






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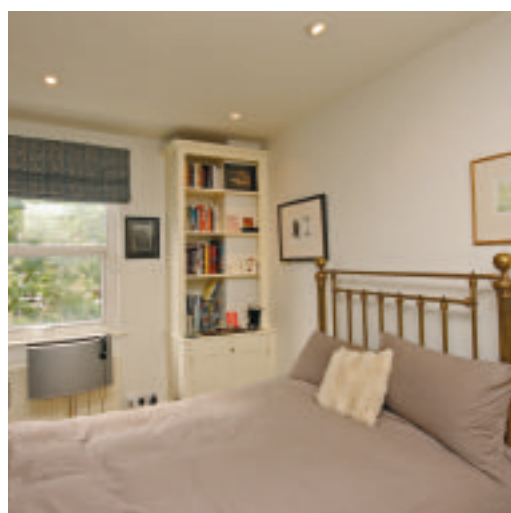
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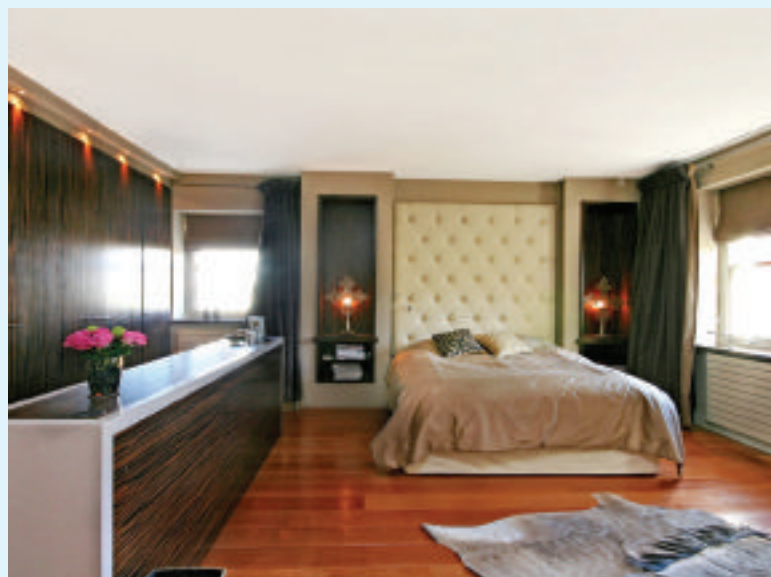


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